



The Tennessee Baptist

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Brother A. C. Thompson, from Buckville, Ala., writes: "I have baptized and allowed baptism..."

There is more true Theology, or practical Christianity in this than in some whole books on the subject. What we learn to be sorry that it is not in the Bible...

The liberality manifested by the First General Association of Tennessee and North Alabama, in making a subject of comment and admiration...

My dear Sir:—I thank you for sending me "The Voice of the Church." I think it eminently fitted to declaim some thing very new...

Under this heading, the Carolina Baptist, published at Hendersonville, Henderson North Carolina, in its issue of the 14th inst., announces its discontinuance, at least until it can be resumed under happier auspices...

The slaves we copy from the Southern Baptist. The remarks of the Editor touching a plurality of papers, we commend to every Baptist.

Brother Huggins, of Texas, has kindly furnished us with the Methodist Advocate, printed at Galveston, Texas, which contains an article of one of its columns, professing to specify twenty five falsehoods in the letter on "Local Preachers," in the Iron Wheel.

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QUERY.—BROTHER GRAVES.—Suppose you tell a Methodist that he ought not to have his children baptized, because he can find neither precept nor example in the Bible, and he replies, "Neither should you believe in Theological Schools, or in various Missionary Institutions, because you can find neither precept nor example for them in the Bible. What answer would you make him? Please answer this, and also tell me which is the best treatise in favor of Missions. I wish to get it, and I need information on this subject.

ANSWER.—We would tell him that we do not believe in Theological Schools as a school, or any more than in the common or day school, or a grammar or writing school—nor do we teach that it is a Church ordinance, as Methodists teach that the baptism of infants is. Nor do we hold or believe that a Home Foreign Missionary Board is a Church ordinance, as Methodists teach infant baptism. We do believe that the minister of the gospel ought to be able to read, and if he is not able to read, he should be able to read, and if he is not able to read, he should be able to read...

THE SAVIOR COMMANDED the gospel to be preached among all nations, and to every creature. The Churches planted by the Apostles added as an example how this was to be done. The churches raised money, and sent it through agents to the missionaries. So do we. Our Boards are only our agents, through whom funds are transmitted to our missionaries in heathen lands.

DEAR BROTHER GRAVES.—I write to ascertain your views as to the propriety of ordaining colored Deacons to officiate in the distribution of the sacred elements among their own members. Our colored membership is very strong, numbering over 400, including all churches, Liberty and Mt. Pleasant. We generally preach to them in the evening, after the white congregation has dispersed, and on sacramental occasions the deacons remain with me and aid in the administration of the Lord's Supper. One of the deacons, however, lives some distance from the church, and it is very imprudent in me, I would prefer ordaining deacons among them for this special work. I know some have objected to this, but see good reasons why. If he is right, that they should be allowed their prayers, I see no objection to their deacons. For, whatever objection could be urged against the lawfulness of the one, seems to me must apply to the other. I hope you will give us your views, as some of our brethren in our valley are opposed to it. We wish to act advisedly, remembering the admonition, "Lay hands suddenly on no man."

And oblige, yours in Christ, W. B. BARKDALE, Oak County, Alabama.

REPRESENTATIVE WOMEN, from Eve the wife of the first, to Mary, the mother of the second Adam. By Geo. C. Baldwin, D. D. New York: Sheldon, Lamport & Blackman.

This volume contains a series of sketches originally delivered as lectures by the author, when pastor of the Baptist Church, Troy, New York. The sketches describe the lives of Eve, Sarah, Rebecca, Joseph, Miriam, Beth, Esther, Elizabeth, and Mary, and each is considered as the representative of a class. The facts of the Scripture narrative are skillfully selected and grouped together so as to form vivid and life-like pictures, and the moral lessons taught by each are clearly and impressively set forth. The sketches are so arranged, that the reader and the writer is enabled by a spirit of reverence and piety to follow the path of duty as it is laid out by a precious and extensive revelation of religion. We trust their perusal will be similarly blessed to hundreds.—True Union.

OUR ASTERS will read this with great pleasure and profit. They must certainly wish to see it, and aid in its circulation. We wish to give away one thousand copies for two thousand new subscribers to the Tennessee Baptist. Any sister sending us ten subscribers shall receive a copy by mail, post-paid. Who will make a little effort?

THE AMERICAN DEBATER—being a plain exposition of the Principles and Practice of Public Debate, &c. By James N. McMillitt, L. L. D. New York: Irwin & Phinney.

This is an exceedingly valuable work, and can be used as a manual by the class of persons for whom it is intended. It is intended, we think, to be used as a manual by the class of persons for whom it is intended. It is intended, we think, to be used as a manual by the class of persons for whom it is intended.

THE WATCHMAN & REFLECTOR, Boston, thus speaks of this valuable book. It contains 382 questions for debating societies.

THE "P. S. Theodora" is well received throughout the South. The Book is published, and is well received throughout the South. The Book is published, and is well received throughout the South.

BROTHER GRAVES.—Allow me to inquire whether you intend publishing the discourses on the editions of the present age," delivered during the past week before the First Baptist Church in Nashville. It seems to me that the only way to satisfy the minds of our readers, and to put in the hands of all who have not already yielded themselves heart and hand to the service of our adorable Redeemer, is to publish these discourses. I should do more at present, than merely state that I derived much pleasure and profit while listening to the solemn and important truths which you have so ably and so eloquently expounded. I should do more at present, than merely state that I derived much pleasure and profit while listening to the solemn and important truths which you have so ably and so eloquently expounded.

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