

In the same vicinity, Bethel church (Presbyterian) was chartered in 1828, with William Young, L. Price, John Magruder and Smith C. Daniel, trustees. The church dates its organization from about 1826, with Rev. Samuel Hunter as pastor, who was a native of Ireland and a noble man. The present brick church of Bethel was built in about 1830, with Dr. Chamberlain as pastor. During that time, in addition to the support of their minister, the church contributed to the different boards of the church about \$1,000 annually. In 1837, twenty-three were added to the church; in 1845 about fifty more. During thirty years of its prosperity the church contributed largely to the different boards of the church, to the tract cause, Bible society and Sunday-school union, the contributions oftentimes amounting to many thousands of dollars. A few noble planters supported a minister to labor among the slaves. At one time forty negroes, valued at \$330,000, were liberated and sent to Liberia as missionaries. Thomas Freeland contributed \$333 annually, between 1833 and 1843, to support a missionary in China. The college gave about the same amount, besides contributing to the various other church boards, theological seminary at Maryville, Tenn., Natchez Orphan asylum, etc. Those were palmy days—gone, never to return.