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Editorial Brevities

"FEED HIGH AND MILK DRY."

The late Rev. H. F. Sproles, D.D., of Mississippi, used to say that "the way to develop a great church is to feed high and milk dry!" Certainly that is good dairying in the Kingdom.

A MISSIONARY SUNDAY SCHOOL.

When is a Sunday-school really missionary as it should be? When it reaches this five-fold standard: adequate missionary instruction; definite missionary prayer; systematic missionary giving; practical missionary activities; enlisting missionary recruits. This is the standard suggested by the Missionary Department of the International Sunday School Association.

UP TOWN AN INCH AN HOUR.

That the retail center of New York City is moving up town at the rate of almost an inch an hour is an interesting statement made by a writer in the January American Magazine. This is making progress rather slowly, but if it keeps up long enough, future buyers will be doing big business in the neighborhood of Central Park or perhaps near Grant's Tomb, or possibly farther yet inland.

"TITULAR SYNCOPATION."

It must be correct English to say "Rev. Smith," for a very few high-class religious journals occasionally use it, as well as a large number of backwoods weeklies. But a general use of such phraseology would be lamentable. Call him "Rev. Mr. Smith," or "Brother Smith," or "Mr. Smith," or plain "John Smith", but never "Rev. Smith." We protest against what the Journal and Messenger calls "titular syncopation."

SIMPLICITY IN THE WHITE HOUSE.

One of the good habits of President Wilson is to spend a portion of his evenings reading aloud to his family,—a habit that has unfortunately fallen into disuse in most of our American homes. We are also told that the President never smokes, being in this respect like his two predecessors, Taft and Roosevelt. He is described as "a hearty eater," takes abundant exercise, and keeps in good physical form. His daily life is marked by simplicity, and this, no doubt, has much to do with his physical, intellectual, and moral efficiency.

WHAT TO READ.

What should one read in order to get the most out of his reading? This discriminating advice was given by an expert some years ago: "For clearness, read Macaulay. For logic, read Burke and Bacon. For action, read Homer and Scott. For conciseness, read Bacon and Pope. For sublimity of conception, read Milton. For vivacity, read Stevenson and Kipling. For imagination, read Shakespeare and Job. For common sense, read Benjamin Franklin. For elegance, read Virgil, Milton and Arnold. For simplicity, read Burns, Whittier and Bunyan. For smoothness, read Addison and Hawthorne. For interest in things real, read Jane Austen. For lofty, ennobling sentiment, for sympathy, candor and honesty, for comfort and consolation in affliction and for the promise of the life that now is and of the life which is to come, read the Bible.

DAVID'S BIBLE.

To David, the sweet singer in Israel, his Bible was as honey and the honeycomb. How his grateful heart yearned upwards as he sang, "Seven times a day do I praise Thee because of Thy righteous judgments!" Yet how much of our present Bible was in the hands of David? Only Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges, Ruth, and perhaps Job. Ought we not, with our ampler and complete revelation, to be as grateful as he was over the first books in the divine library?

TO SIT WHERE HE PLACES US.

It is easier to do than to be; easier to be active in service than to be passive in devotion; easier to enter the field of toil than to lie upon the couch of suffering; easier to face the foe on the field of battle than to stand still under fire. Yet we are many a time called just as truly to passive submission as to active labor. Long ago said Richard Cecil: "Quietness before God is one of the most difficult of all Christian graces—to sit where He places us; to be what He would have us to be, and this as long as He pleases."

WHEN THEY WERE CONVERTED.

Of one thousand converted Sunday-school scholars in the United States, Great Britain, and Canada, an exchange says that 128 were converted at ages ranging from eight to twelve years; 332 from thirteen to sixteen years; 322 from seventeen to twenty years; 118 from twenty-one to twenty-four years; and forty from twenty-five to sixty years. In other words, 52 per cent were converted by the time they reached the age of sixteen; 84 per cent by the time they reached twenty; 96 per cent before they reached twenty-four; and 4 per cent at older ages. "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth."

A BUSY CORNER ON BROADWAY.

One of the busiest places in America is said to be the northeast corner of Broadway and Forty-second Street in New York. "It is a subway corner and in the heart of the theater district. The traffic there is practically ceaseless throughout all the twenty-four hours. Three years ago a count covering five different days showed that an average of more than two hundred and eighty-five thousand persons passed that corner daily. By now it is greatly in excess of that figure." Who could look upon these surging crowds without sympathizing with the Master who compassionated the multitudes as sheep without a shepherd?

THE BLUE PIG WITH THE BLACK TAIL.

In an old almanac many years ago we read a little story which showed then, and shows still, that many international conflicts are due simply to international misunderstandings and might be easily avoided by the exercise of a little patience and diplomacy. And this is the story: "A certain king sent to another king, saying, 'Send me a blue pig with a black tail, or else'—The other king replied, 'I have not got one, and if I had—' So they went to war, and many men were killed. At last they grew weary and arranged for peace. In the course of the negotiations the second king asked the first, 'What did you mean by that message of yours?' 'I meant a blue pig with a black tail, or else—some other color. And what did you mean by your answer?' 'I meant, if I had one—I should have sent it.'"

ENJOYING LIFE AT NINETY-FIVE.

His ninety-fifth birthday was recently observed by Rev. Joseph P. Brown, a well-known Baptist minister of New London, Conn. In a birthday message to the young people of his city he mentioned the following features as contributory to his length of life and to his present vigor and happiness: "I don't worry; fretting never accomplished anything. I walk as much as possible in the great outdoors. I try to keep right with God. I enjoy every minute of life. I know that in the nature of things my end must come soon, but I am not afraid to face it."

FIRE WASTE.

The annual fire waste in the United States is appalling. And, too, much of it is needless; some of it, positively criminal through carelessness and neglect. A United States Bulletin contains this striking statement: "The buildings consumed, if placed on lots of sixty-five feet frontage, would line both sides of a street extending from New York to Chicago. A person journeying along this street of desolation would pass in every thousand feet a ruin from which an injured person was taken. At every three-quarters of a mile in this journey he would encounter the charred remains of a human being who had been burned to death."

THE PREACHER FOR WEBSTER.

Not infrequently a preacher feels that he must preach highly intellectual sermons in order to appeal strongly to the most intelligent people of his congregation. The likelihood is that he is quite mistaken in this view, for the message which his gifted hearer needs and wants is the same message that is desired and needed by his humblest auditor. This story is told of Daniel Webster: He was once asked why he went twice on Sunday to hear a plain country preacher when he paid little attention to far better and abler sermons in Washington. His reply was: "In Washington they preach to Daniel Webster, statesman; but this man has been telling Daniel Webster, the sinner, of Jesus of Nazareth and His great life, and it has been helping me."

AN EDITOR AS SEEN BY A SECRETARY.

There are some people in the world who look with envy upon the editor of a religious journal. Perhaps they do not know what they are doing. Here is the testimony of a man who knows whereof he speaks. Rev. J. W. Gillon, D.D., Baptist Secretary of State Missions in Tennessee, said sometime ago: "I have long regarded the position of an editor as the most undesirable one in our denominational life. He is the pack horse, who must carry the load not only of the boards but of the churches. He must publish anything about any church that anybody decides to send or else make an enemy. If nobody sends, he must publish it anyhow. He must be the willing servant of all the boards and denominational enterprises. He must stand ever ready to work for the denominational enterprises. He must stand ever ready to work for the denomination along any line from editing the paper to supplying a church without cost while the pastor is away, maybe making a little extra money. He must do all these things willingly and gladly, and at his own charges, and when he wishes to present the interests of his paper anywhere or at any time he must know that the paper is regarded as a private money-making enterprise, and he is 'butting in.' None of it for me."

Editorial

"That is Victory"

What is the victory worth striving for among the sons of men? There are diverse standards and various views, but every Christian believer will assent to the fine characterization of true victory which Pastor A. C. Hamby, of Clayton, sent out on his Christmas card to friends. Here it is:

"When you are forgotten, or neglected, or set at nought purposely, and you smile inwardly, glorying at the insult or oversight—That is Victory."

"When your good is evil spoken of, when your wishes are crossed, your tastes offended, your advice disregarded, your opinions ridiculed, and you take it all in patient and loving silence—That is Victory."

"When you can bear with any discord, any irregularity and unpunctuality, any annoyance, and are content with any food, any raiment, any climate, any weather, any society, any solitude, any interruption—That is Victory."

"When you never care to talk about yourself, never care to record your own good works, never long for praise, when you can truly love to be unknown, when you can in the distribution of honors prefer another to yourself, when you can rejoice in another's success—That is Victory."

"Thinking of You"

It must be painful in the extreme to be forgotten, as Joseph was by the chief butler in Egypt; but certainly it is delightful to be remembered, especially by friends, whether near or far away. Straight to the heart goes such a message as this which Dr. Millard Alford Jenkins, pastor First Baptist Church of Abilene, Texas, sent out during the recent holidays:

"My Friend:—To-day I am thinking of you, and wishing that this glad Christmas time may bring you only those finer things, of heart and mind, that make our lives worth while."

"For your to-morrows, may the load be not too heavy, nor the road too rough; and whether it lead through gleam or gloom, may the unseen Friend walk beside thee in the way, and give thee satisfying peace."

"Some faces we miss, this Christmas. We call, but their voices answer us not again. They keep the long, glad Christmas tryst, with Him whose natal day we hallow."

"They are not lost to us, but ours in friendship's sweeter bond; and only bring the sunlight land more nigh."

"Fain would I pray that He feed thee richly, of His generous bounty, and that He find thee ever faithful and unafraid."

War and Prayer

Many of the strong young men who belong to Westmount Baptist Church, Westmount, Quebec, are at the front in Europe fighting for the cause of the Allies, and some have laid down their lives. To this great church, as indeed to the whole of the Dominion of Canada, have come home the horrors and the sacrifices of war. It is no wonder that they have been drawn and driven closer to the Throne of Grace than ever before. In his New Year message, the distinguished pastor, Rev. O. C. S. Wallace, D.D., formerly of Baltimore, and highly esteemed throughout the South, has the following to say:

"My Dear Friend:—I bid you an affectionate Godspeed as you enter upon the New Year. Wherever your path shall lead, and whatever your task shall be, may you find as you go and serve the way of pleasantness and rest."

"It is not given to us to know when the clouds that overspread the earth shall be scattered, the tempest quieted, the clamor stilled, and the noise of deadly conflict brought to an end. We can only pray, and watch, and hope, and wait."

"We can pray; and not as others who have no hope. In the year 1915, the heavy year, the terrible year, the year of great tribulation, we learned more about prayer than we knew before: of its reality, preciousness, force, peace."

"And my greeting to you for the New Year shall be this: I am praying that in the year 1916, there may come to you the discovery, convincing and comforting beyond the measure of the past, that not merely renowned and remote saints in other ages, but you yourself in this very day have not prayed in vain."

Trusting the "Trusties"

His Excellency, Governor Craig, did a beautiful and blessed deed when just before the holidays he paroled the "trusties" in the various prisons and convict camps of the State—some seven hundred and fifty men in all—for three days so that they could spend Christmas with their loved ones at home. They were released simply upon their promise to return at the expiration of the allotted time.

Was it a risky thing to do? Would some of these "criminals" violate the confidence placed in them by the State's Chief Executive? What was the outcome?

There was not one who failed to return according to promise. Only two seem to have been guilty of any disorder whatever during the holidays. There were seven hundred and fifty homes made happy and seven hundred and fifty men who knew again what it is to be trusted and prove worthy of confidence.

There was more in the Governor's generous deed than mere sentiment. It was a unique philanthropy, as wise as it was kind and as practical as it was philanthropic. For the State as well as for the convict it is a good thing now and then, as in this case, to trust the "trusties". We commend the Governor for his thoughtful remembrance of them.

The Holy Spirit

The following acrostic, which is submitted as a Bible reading rather than a poem, may help some of our readers, especially among the young people, to a better understanding of the International Lesson for next Sunday and to a higher appreciation of the glorious third Person in the Trinity:

H stands for HOLY, that is, without sin;
(Eph. 4:30)
O for OMNISCIENT—all-knowing and wise;
(1 Cor. 2:10)
L stands for LORD of what is or has been;
(Acts 5:3, 4)
Y is for YEARNING through Christ's sacrifice.
(Romans 8:26)
S stands for SPIRIT, immortal, unseen;
(Gal. 4:6)
P stands for PERSON we may love and know;
(2 Cor. 13:14)
I for INVITING us helpless and mean;
(Gen. 6:3)
R for REDEEMING the lost from their woe;
(John 3:8)
I for INDWELLING, a heart-altar flame;
(1 Cor. 6:19)
T stands for TRIUMPH, achieved in His name.
(Rom. 8:11).

Golden Links for Golden Lives

"Golden lives"—do we not all wish to live them? But to do so, we must follow the Golden Rule. And in carrying out the Golden Rule, we must forge day by day golden links in our lives. Not can these golden links be formed except by those who look at life from the right point of view.

And a fine point of view, commanding in scope and lovely in outlook, is given us by Rev. W. A. Hobson, D.D., pastor First Baptist Church, of Jacksonville, Fla., in his Christmas word to friends:

"I believe in the gospel of goodwill; in love that lifts, hands that help, and lips that speak healing words."

"I believe in progress through peace, not war; in fighting wrongs, not men; in curing vice by cultivating virtue; in correcting yesterday's mistakes by doing today's duties; in redeeming the failures of the past by renewing the vision of the future."

"I believe that men are brothers, and every man his brother's keeper; in human ties and earthly friendships; in souls that cheer and do not chill—warm, winsome souls. Why not give the love we crave, say the things we like to hear, and do unto others as we would have others do unto us? The Golden Rule makes the golden life."

"I believe in breaking alabaster boxes and bringing flowers for living friends, not waiting for death to close the eyes and take away the soul. Love that serves living friends; that anoints at feasts, not funerals; that comes aforetime, has the approval of Jesus, and was made companion of His gospel wherever it is preached in all the world."

Old Folks' New Year Dinner

One of the most beautiful philanthropies of the late John T. Pullen was the giving of an "Old Folks' Dinner" on each New Year's Day in the church that now bears his name—Pullen Memorial Baptist Church, of this city. For a number of years before his departure, this dinner was a distinct pride and pleasure to him; and when he was gone, it was found that in his will he had provided for a gift of \$30 each year for the maintenance of this lovely benefaction to the aged poor of the city where he lived.

The twentieth of these annual dinners was given at one o'clock last Saturday. As for many years, it was in charge of the young ladies of the Y. W. A. of the First Baptist Church. The President of the Auxiliary, Miss, Eugenia Clark, with her capable assistants, did their work with efficiency and acceptability.

Before the dinner was served a charming little program, portions of it impromptu, was carried out in the main auditorium of the church. Pastor W. H. Dodd gave a hearty address of welcome. There were beautiful solos by Hon. M. Leslie Davis, of Beaufort, and Misses Vivian Betts and Gladys Dewar, of Raleigh. Some delightful readings were given by Mrs. Dr. Castlebury, of Raleigh. Col. F. A. Olds and the Editor of the Recorder made brief talks.

There were about one hundred guests who sat down to the long and loaded tables in the Parlor and other class rooms of the church. How they did enjoy the elegant repast set before them, and carry away the bags of candy, nuts, and fruit! Who could see them sitting at meat, happily partaking of the good things provided, without thinking of the Master's Word concerning a feast for the poor? Twenty or more baskets were also sent out to the homes of those unable to be present, and thus the circle of cheer widened, spreading smiles upon wrinkled faces and bringing gladness to aged hearts.

Last Year's Recorder

The fifty-one issues of the Recorder that appeared in 1915 contained enough matter to fill twenty-five volumes of two hundred pages each.

More than thirty-two hundred items came from the editor's pen, including 268 editorials, 571 editorial brevities, 51 expositions of the Sunday-school lesson, 2,172 denominational news notes, and 196 secular news and views.

We have published 439 original articles (wide column) by just 200 different authors, including some of the leading Baptists not only of the State and South, but also of all the continents except Africa.

Our news from the churches has been representative, including 652 letters by 451 writers, besides reports of twenty-three marriages, fourteen pastors' conferences, nine pastors' directories, and forty-five columns of B. Y. P. U. matter.

On our W. M. U. pages there have been 318 contributions by 142 writers—a showing not surpassed, if equaled, by the sisterhood of any State.

Little less than a journal of necrology has been embodied in the 214 memorial tributes to departed brethren and sisters.

Our picture gallery has been given a little more prominence than usual, though only ninety-seven illustrations have appeared.

Our selections have included sixty poems, 139 choice articles for young people, and 337 sparkles in the Spice Box.

So much for 1915. Now for a brighter, busier, better 1916!

And all for one dollar and a half per annum! Now is the time to subscribe!

Features of Nineteen-Fifteen

The year 1915 has taken its place in history. What were some of its features?

It was the greatest war year in the annals of man. There are today twelve nations at war, eight against four. The four are Germany, Austria, Turkey and Bulgaria, all of them arrayed against Great Britain, France, and Russia; all except Turkey against Serbia; all except Germany against Italy; while Germany is arrayed singly against Belgium and Japan; and Austria is arrayed against Montenegro. It is a most malignant mix-up of many nations, embracing actually most of the world's surface and indirectly every inch of our planet. A great military critic, as quoted in St. Nicholas, says that if losses continue as at present until April 1, the total killed, captured, and permanently disabled will reach

19,700,000 which is nearly one-half of the men of military age in the warring nations, the total resources of the Allies being 27,000,000 men and of the Teutons 12,000,000 men. It is believed by many that the duration of the war will be about three years.

It was a year of few outstanding political events. President Wilson's maintenance of neutrality has been marvelously well done. The resignation of Mr. Bryan as Secretary of State in June was followed by the appointment of Mr. Lansing as his successor. The Revolution in Mexico has resulted in the recognition by the United States and other nations in the Western Hemisphere of Carranza as the head of the de facto government in that unhappy country. A revolution in Haiti broke out in July and culminated in the killing of President Sam. Yoshihito was in November crowned Emperor of Japan. Following an election which went overwhelmingly in favor of change from republic to monarchy, President Yuan Shi Kai was on December 11 tendered the crown of China.

It was a prominent expository year. The Panama-Pacific Exposition at San Francisco, though interfered with by the European war, had an attendance of over seventeen million persons and the profits were more than two million dollars. The Panama-California Exposition at San Diego was also very successful.

It was an off year for invention. Perhaps the most notable invention was that of the telescribe to record telephone messages. This was announced by Edison, the inventor, last May. The wireless telephone was also brought to such efficiency that speech was thus transmitted from Arlington, Va., to Honolulu, a distance of 4,600 miles. A new automobile speed record was made by Anderson in New York, who drove his car 350 miles at the rate of 102.6 miles an hour. Air navigation made no apparent progress, though 5,000 air machines are in use in European armies.

It was a year of important losses by death, though many died at an advanced age. Some of those who passed into the Great Beyond were Marshall P. Wilder, the humorist, in January; Fanny Crosby, the blind hymn writer, in February; Mrs. Stonewall Jackson, widow of the great warrior, in March; F. Hopkinson Smith, the novelist, in April; Gen Porfirio Diaz, ex-President of the Mexican Republic, in July; Anthony Comstock, the vice fighter, in September; and Booker T. Washington, the great negro leader, in November.

It was a year of largess to the American people. On June 30 the exports over imports showed a balance of more than one billion dollars in favor of America. The wheat yield, surpassing a billion bushels, is the largest on record. The corn crop of 3,090,000,000 bushels is the most valuable ever harvested.

It was a year of religious revival. Not in many decades, if ever, have there been so many revivals of religion in this and other lands. Instead of Christianity proving a failure in war-swept Europe, only the husk has been torn off and blown away leaving yet the kernel of genuine faith. The new theology has been smashed into smithereens. The camps and trenches are filled with men who are taking new interest in their Bible and in religion. While missionary work has been stopped in many parts of the world, there will be a new day for religious work when this cruel war is over.

Contributions

Our New Secretary

By LIVINGSTON JOHNSON, D.D.

Rev. Walter N. Johnson comes to the Secretaryship, not without experience. For two years he was Secretary of the Mission Board of Louisiana. There he gained some experience which will be helpful to him as he enters upon the work in this State. For nearly seven years he has held one of the most important pastorates in our State, and has been in close touch with all our denominational work. Being only seventeen miles from Raleigh he was a frequent, and always welcome, visitor to the Mission Rooms. He thus became somewhat familiar with the way in which the business of the office has been conducted. Of course he will have his own methods, some of which may be, and doubtless should be, different from those that have been in operation, but his acquaintance with the office and its work will help him in a general way.

He not only has experience, but our new Secretary comes to the office with a vision. A year

ago the church at Wake Forest introduced a financial system which is working admirably. Practically all of the members are contributing weekly, and the church gave almost twice as much last year to current expenses and the Convention objects, as it ever gave during any previous year. It is Walter Johnson's dream to make the Wake Forest plan State-wide. If he can succeed in doing this, it will be the greatest and most important financial achievement ever attained among the Baptists of this or any other State. Brother Johnson knows, however, that this cannot be accomplished in one year or perhaps, not in a decade, but it is well worth working at. It is his purpose to bring the churches, as rapidly as possible, to adopt the plan of systematic weekly giving; but, until a large number of the churches do adopt the plan suggested, he will make special appeals for our several mission objects.

Let us all stand by our new Secretary, and give to him our earnest prayers, our cordial sympathy, our hearty co-operation. Perhaps there is no man in the State, except Walter Johnson, who is so deeply concerned about the success of our mission work, as the writer of this article. I here and now pledge to our new Secretary, as I did on the floor of the Convention, my loyal support in the work which he is this day taking up.

Rocky Mount, N. C., January 1, 1916.

Salutation

By WALTER N. JOHNSON, Corresponding Secretary.

I take up my duties today as Corresponding Secretary of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention. I come to this task with strange mingling of confidence and misgiving. I have confidence in God and in my brethren, but I have painful misgivings as to my qualifications for this task. The only reassurance that I have is the conviction growing clearer in my soul each day that God has led me into this work and will lead me in it.

My election to this position came about in such a way that it commits me to a change in our financial methods, but I hasten to remind you that this change must be gradual. We are at the beginning of a transition that will last for at least ten years.

Our present methods are worthy of respect and confidence for what has been done by them and we must still use them in the doing of the great bulk of our work. The plan of regular giving in our churches, weekly, bi-weekly or monthly, to all objects of our Convention simplifies our work and will ultimately finance all our regular work. But to use our denominational machinery in pushing this plan on our churches at once would wreck our work financially in one year.

We must concern ourselves to make this plan effective in the churches that adopt it of their own accord and let it spread from church to church by contagion. It would be suicide for the denomination, as a whole, to commit itself to this plan until enough churches are already working it and working it sufficiently to finance all the work the denomination is doing.

I am clear in this: My communications Recorder and Charity and Children should for the present be addressed to the churches as though all of them were still taking care of our regular work with special appeals and special collections. We shall need a temporary special method of communication with the churches working on the budget plan of regular collections. For the present, messages from the Corresponding Secretary to these churches need to be insulated. If our denominational press were thrown open to these communications, our wires would get crossed—then a short circuit!

I feel unworthy of the position where my brethren have placed me. Others have laid the foundations. I stand on the shoulders of those who have gone before me and lean on the arms of those who are with me in this work. I crave the deepest heart-touch with the pastors and the faithful members of our North Carolina Baptist churches.

The office of Corresponding Secretary is only a medium of communication and co-operation between the Baptist churches of North Carolina. It is not mine in this office to give light, but simply to let light through. I shall not try to be a spark of fire; I want to be a clean pane of glass. I shall try not to burn; mine is to keep the glass clean. May God keep this office always transparent between the churches, as it has always been.

New Year's greetings to the Baptist workers of North Carolina! May our Father smile on our work this year and make it the best of our history.

Raleigh, N. C., January 1, 1916.

To the Baptist Pastors and People of North Carolina

By R. T. VANN, Secretary Board of Education.

Dear Brethren:—As we enter the New Year together, my heart prompts me, first of all, to send you a word of gratitude and greeting. During the last few months of the old Conventional year, conditions compelled me to appeal to you week after week through the Recorder to come to the help of the Board of Education under the peculiar conditions in which we found ourselves. And right nobly did you respond. Like the good soldiers of Jesus Christ which you have so often proved yourselves to be, even under extremely heavy pressure from two other quarters, you rallied and turned defeat into victory; so that instead of the seven or eight hundred-dollar debt which seemed inevitable, you enabled us to report a balance of over \$1,000. This was all due, of course, to your loyal co-operation and your sacrificial service; and I can do no less than give you all the credit.

At the opening of another year's campaign, I send the greetings of one who esteems it an honor to be your fellow-servant, and who feels more and more, as the years pass, the sense of hearty comradeship with you all.

And now, brethren, suffer a word by way of reminder. At its session during the recent Convention, after earnest consideration, the Board of Education felt impelled to ask our churches to undertake the raising of \$20,000 for Christian Education this year. This action was not taken hastily. The brethren were aware that it meant an increase of about three hundred per cent over last year's contributions. But with the hard, cold facts before them, and with the responsibility laid upon them by the Convention, they did not feel justified in asking less.

And yet, after all, a moment's reflection will show that this request was really very moderate. For the amount we have been raising for education annually, some \$6,000, is such a trifle for 268,000 Baptists that a threefold increase would entail no hardship upon any of them. Second, we have attempted so little in this cause that a large majority of our churches have taken no notice of it whatever.

Moreover, it will be remembered that while we have heretofore been trying to educate our young ministers only, we are now undertaking to train the masses of our people, and enlist them for service; and we are trying this because it is necessary to carry out the commands of the King and meet the requirements of the Kingdom.

And finally, since we gave last year for State Missions over \$55,000, and for all departments of missions, including the Judson Memorial Fund, about \$150,000, surely \$20,000 is a small amount to raise for the support of the schools that must supply not only nearly all the missionaries sent out by the various boards, but must train a large proportion of the home workers as well. So let me urge that in laying out your financial plans for the year, you give to education two-fifths of the amount that you gave last year to State and Associational Missions. This would make the \$20,000. Either set aside some month, or months, in which to take collections for it as you do for other forms of missions, or, if you work the budget plan, see if you can not appropriate one-half as much to Christian Education as you give to State Missions.

Raleigh, N. C.

Laymen's Convention in Greensboro

By W. A. DEVIN.

I note with interest the reference by Dr. J. T. Henderson in the last issue of the Recorder to the Laymen's Convention in Greensboro, February 9-12.

The Convention held there six years ago made a profound impression upon the laymen of the State and was productive of increased activity and renewed zeal for missions, and the hope prevails that our Baptist laymen will attend this Convention in larger numbers and share in the inspirational and educational awakening surely to be derived therefrom.

Dr. Henderson's suggestion that we have a great Baptist Conference in connection with it should by all means be carried out.

Oxford, N. C.

The Snow on Mother's Grave

By H. A. BROWN, D. D.

Beautiful and white and pure lies the snow on mother's grave. It is not cold to her for her heart was always warm and loving. It is emblematic of the whiteness and gentleness of her character. It is symbolic of the washing that made her whiter than the snow—of the spotless robes in which she stands in the presence of the King. They who have not stained their garments shall walk with Him in white. We will tread softly here; for it is holy ground. The family finds its unity in its distress. A sweet voice from under the snow seems to whisper "we shall know each other better and love each other more when the mists have rolled away." Till then we will lovingly cherish the memory of mother sleeping beneath the snow.

Winston-Salem, N. C.

An Appeal for the Spurgeon Institutions

By A. C. DIXON, D.D., Pastor Metropolitan Tabernacle.

There are thousands of Christian people in America who have received great blessing from the life-work of Charles H. Spurgeon; and now that the institutions he established are in need of funds, specially the Pastors' College and the Colportage Association, two very useful agencies for evangelizing Great Britain and the world, I feel constrained to appeal to American friends to send a contribution, large or small, for their support in these terrible times.

Not less than eight thousand dollars a month is needed to meet the expenses of these institutions. If you will trust it to me, I will seek to apportion it where the need is greatest.

Mr. E. J. Wigney, Manager of the London and South-Western Bank, Golder's Green, London, N. W., has consented to act as treasurer of this fund, and will acknowledge the receipt of your offering, whether you send it to him or to me. Newington Butts, London, S. E., England.

Campaign For Wake Forest Church

By the Committee and its Chairman.

The committee appointed by the Convention at Charlotte to raise the balance of the amount the Convention pledged toward building the Church at Wake Forest College, has elected Prother Charles E. Maddry their chairman, and he will push the work of securing new gifts and collecting pledges already made with a view of paying off this debt of over \$9,000 before the meeting of the next Convention at Elizabeth City.

Brother Maddry will have full work as the pastor of one of our largest churches and we sincerely hope the various pastors and all the brethren will respond promptly and liberally and co-operate with him in collecting this amount.

Brother Maddry has given a great deal of time and hard work to this matter during the last three years which we all appreciate greatly. Certain pastors and members can make his labors much lighter by taking up the matter and having the amounts pledged, collected and sent in promptly and where pledges have not been made secure them.

We earnestly ask for him your hearty and immediate co-operation that we may finish our task of paying for the house of worship for our boys at Wake Forest College.

Sincerely yours,

W. N. JONES,
IL. T. HICKS,
CHAS. E. BREWER,
CAREY J. HUNTER,

Committee.

At the earnest solicitation of the recently appointed Convention Committee on the Wake Forest Church debt, I have again assumed the chairmanship of the Committee. Letters will be sent out at once to all churches and individuals who have made pledges for this object.

It is the purpose of the Committee, acting under instructions of the Convention, to press the matter to a successful conclusion before the next Convention.

We are exceedingly anxious to pay off some small bills and loans that have long since become acute. We request all churches and individuals to send all funds to Walters Durham, Treasurer, Raleigh, N. C.

CHARLES E. MADDRY,
Chairman Convention Committee.

Raleigh, N. C.

A Demonstration Church

By T. W. O'KELLEY, D.D.

It is the Edgemont Baptist Church of Durham. I call it a demonstration church, because it has done what I have long desired to see done: Proved that a church in a mill district, receiving help from the State Mission Board, can develop strength enough to take care of itself. Four years ago this church called Rev. C. C. Smith to its pastorate at a salary of \$1,200, the church paying \$700 and the State Board \$500. The second year the church paid \$800 and the Board \$400. The third and the fourth years the church paid \$900; but the Board seeing the splendid work that was being done, continued to pay \$400, making the salary \$1,300.

But this is not the story. The half has not been told. Two years ago the house of worship was destroyed by fire. A new building now stands on the old site, erected at a cost of \$16,000. The structure is of brick, neat, commodious, and splendidly equipped for Sunday-school and church work. The wonderful thing is that the debt is only \$1,500. Yes, the church got some help from the Boards; but every one knows that the great bulk of the money has been paid by the membership.

But the best part of the story I have saved for the last. The church, happy in its notable achievement, said to the Board: "We want the privilege of paying our pastor's salary in full; and as for that little debt of \$1,500 on our building, we will take care of it." Then turning to Pastor Smith this noble band said: "You are worth more than \$1,300, and henceforth your salary is \$1,500."

That sort of mission work is worth while. What this church has done, scores of others now receiving aid from the Board can do. Brother Smith, tell us how you did it. We all want to know.

Raleigh, N. C.

Our Finances as We Begin the New Year

By B. D. GRAY, Corresponding Secretary.

The report of Treasurer P. H. Mell is found in the December number of The Home Field. It shows that receipts are \$8,276.16 ahead of those for this date last year, which is somewhat encouraging.

But the increase is due almost entirely to Kentucky with her monthly remittance of one-twelfth of her apportionment. Kentucky's increase is about ten times as much as the combined increase of all the other States! If the Kentucky plan were in vogue in all the States, where would we be? Why, out of debt, with prompt payment each month of one-twelfth of our obligations! A great saving on interest account! The enthusiastic endorsement of our business men because of our good business methods! Wouldn't that be worth while? Well, that is our idea. Let's work to make it real. Let the States catch the step. Several are already proposing to do it, but they are going to wait till May, the beginning of our new fiscal year.

What Shall We Do in the Meantime?

Two-thirds of our year has passed and we have received less than one-fifth of the apportionment, and we have appropriated the full amount of the apportionment. We have borrowed more heavily than ever before at this season of the year. Our bankers are looking serious. Our credit with them is reaching the nervous point. Nothing can calm this nervousness, but a strong stream of deposits flowing in from the churches. Really from now on we ought not to borrow from the banks. They have carried us eight months, let's carry ourselves four months till the close of our year April 30 and pay the banks all we owe them. We can do it, we ought to do it, we must do it. Do I hear a ringing shout, "We will do it!"

Hard Times.

We did have hard times last year. The war, low prices of cotton, general depression in business, the uncertainty attendant upon the inauguration of the new currency system. But that was last year, and with last year it is all gone, except the war. And the war has brought high prices for all food supplies and livestock, munitions, etc. The earth never yielded so bountiful a grain crop. This year's grain crop in the South is worth \$250,000 more than any other year's crop. Cotton has gone from six cents in 1914 to twelve cents in 1915; cotton seed from eighteen dollars a ton in 1914 to forty-five and more in 1915. Though much smaller than the

crop of 1914 the 1915 crop brought more money.

The railroads, the great barometers, as well as carriers of commerce, are more prosperous than they have been, and are spending hundreds of millions in improvement and enlargement of facilities. The prophets of the financial and commercial world are optimistic over the outlook. But we common people have eyes. We see the contrast with the conditions a year ago!

Some Reflections.

The State Conventions meet in the fall. From the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in May till the meeting of the State Conventions Home and Foreign Missions are not stressed, State interests being given the preference with vigorous campaigns put on just before the Conventions.

Now, during the State Convention period of 1914-1915, we had hard times the first half of the period and improved times the second half. With what results as to State Missions? In most States there was a splendid advance in gifts to State Missions, while in some cases State Mission receipts broke all previous records. During that same period receipts for Home and Foreign Missions fell off heavily in nearly every State and in some States the slump was fearful. How can we explain the rise in State Missions and the fall in Home and Foreign Missions? In most of the States we have general Mission Boards (not State Mission Boards) which give attention to all departments of missions alike. This must be the explanation: The special Home and Foreign Mission season came during the first half of the 1914-1915 period, or hard times' period, and State Missions during the second part when good times came.

Although the State Mission period was preceded by the season of depression, a vigorous campaign in behalf of that department of our work helped to overcome the depression and put State Missions in great shape. With hard times forgotten, with months of prosperity already to our credit and the future full of promise, we are able to do far better for Home and Foreign Missions than we did for State Missions during the fall campaign. We enter upon this campaign with prosperity behind and before us.

Let us come heartily and universally to the help of the State Secretaries as they throw themselves into the campaigns for Home and Foreign Missions.

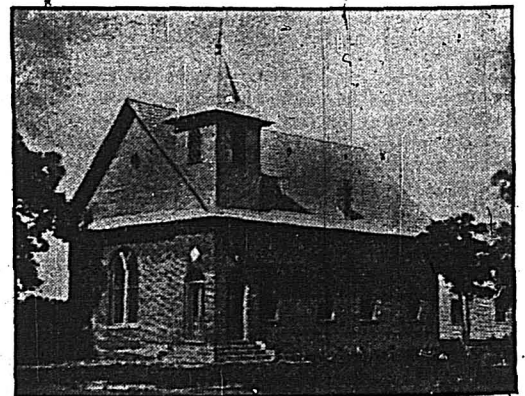
Systematic Giving.

Hundreds of our churches are planning to begin regular, systematic offerings, weekly or monthly, to our mission work, as well as to current church expense, and that we plead for most cordially and have done for more than twelve years, as Secretary of the Home Mission Board, but we must make up the deficit when we undertake the systematic work and the deficit now on Home Missions tremendous, two-thirds of the time gone and less than one-fifth of the money raised. Thousands and thousands of the churches, even among those that support Home Missions, have given nothing so far this year.

In order to avert the uncertainty and anxiety of the closing days of the year in April, that we may sustain our credit and pay our notes at the bank, and be ready to close the year without debt, and be able to seize the greater opportunities that await in every department of our work, let us begin in January.

"Preparedness" is the watchword of the day. It fell often from the lips of our Lord. "Be ye also ready." May we be also and always and everywhere ready. Yes, and especially now, in this great task let us be ready.

Atlanta, Ga.



Euro Baptist Church, Euro, N. C.

Prayer is less asking than taking. "It is impossible to drift into Christ-likeness."

The Spring Branch Way

By J. A. CAMPBELL, Pastor.

The church is eighteen miles from my home. I have served them once a month for twenty-six years. I have never been to see them but they gave me some money. For more than ten years they have paid my way to the State Convention. Last year they gave me liberal compensation for my services, gave more than one-fourth of the amount needed to buy me an automobile and then paid my way to Charlotte. Such treatment as this makes a pastor do his best. Let other churches try the Spring Branch way and if the pastor does not do his best he deserves to be turned off.

Angier, Buie's Creek, Coats, and Spring Branch Churches making my field with a few good friends from the outside, led by Brother C. A. Upchurch, have added much to my comfort and increased my chances for serving by presenting me with an automobile. I thank God for such friends and pray upon each helper His richest blessings.

Buie's Creek, N. C.

The Burlington Plan

By MARTIN W. BUCK, Pastor.

A yet more excellent way than the Harvard, or the Bertie, or the Lumberton plan of providing for delegates to the State Convention is the Burlington Plan. The First Church, Burlington, sent their pastor, Rev. Martin W. Buck, and Mrs. Buck, paying their expenses, and then saw to it that the chairman of their board of deacons, Hon. John H. Vernon, accompanied them for the sake of fellowship and to share with them the inspiration of the great representative gathering. The peerless Editor of the Biblical Recorder was obliged to admit that this was an admirable arrangement.

Pastor Buck will enter upon the fourth year of his pastorate the first Sunday of the New Year. The past three years of the church life have been characterized as among the very best in all its twenty-nine years' history. The church is united and aggressive in every good work, and to all appearances the pleasant relationship existing between pastor and people bids fair to continue indefinitely.

The recent visit of Mr. C. W. Williams, a genial and capable representative of the Biblical Recorder, resulted in all former subscribers renewing their subscriptions, and in adding a list of twenty-seven new subscribers, which is a distinct advance in this line over anything previously reported. Another visit would doubtless largely increase this number if made by an equally winsome brother.

Burlington, N. C.

Several Sunday School Matters

By E. L. MIDDLETON, Sunday School Secretary.

The new year is open and we want to do many new things in new and attractive ways during this year. We ought to make it the best year both in the local schools and in the State at large. We want a close touch with the workers and the work. For some months, by the courtesy of the Recorder, we want to use its columns freely. We want to know needs and conditions and meet these as nearly as we can.

A Sunday School Question Box.

There are thousands of earnest, faithful workers who want to be more efficient during this year. If these will write us about their difficulties and problems we shall try to help them. If they are of a general nature they will be answered through the Recorder, but if of a personal or local nature, by private correspondence. Other agencies are using this method of intercommunication with great profit.

Sunday School News Notes.

Many signs of success are evident. We want to know what you are doing and how you are doing it. This will be suggestive and helpful to others. Write us about the work in your school or Association.

A-1 Or Standard Sunday Schools.

Last year there were 133 of these in the Southern Baptist Convention. Eight of these were in North Carolina. We made fine progress last year. We want to make great strides forward this year. All schools on this Honor Roll must renew their application. I shall be glad to furnish any school with the requirements and with the necessary application blank. This ought

to be sent in by January 20 in order to be counted in the first month's report.

Institute at Morehead City.

The Neuse-Atlantic Association in its annual session for 1914 planned for an annual meeting for the training of its Sunday-school workers. Dr. B. W. Spilman and the writer will hold this meeting at Morehead City, January 16-19. We will teach Divisions I and II of the New Normal Manual. Those who take the work given can in a short time at home finish the book and secure the Normal Diploma. The workers of the Association are invited. If you plan to go, notify Rev. H. W. Baucom, Morehead City, N. C., so he can provide free entertainment for you.

Training School at Chowan College.

Dr. Spilman and I go from Morehead City to Chowan College for their Annual Training School January 20-23. Your Secretary will teach "Gregory's Seven Laws of Teaching." This is Book IV of the Normal Course and will give seal IV to those who have diplomas and to those who do not a Recognition Certificate will be given which will secure the seal later when the Diploma has been won.

Dr. Spilman will give a course of lectures on "Lesson Construction." These will not earn a Normal award, but are absolutely vital in the preparation of teachers for greater efficiency. They are supplementary to Course IV.

For those who will write Prof. G. E. Lineberry, Murfreesboro, N. C., free entertainment will be provided.

Raleigh, N. C.

Great Christian Leaders at the Seminary

By LEVY L. CARPENTER.

The opportunity to come into touch with men of genius is not to be valued lightly, and especially if these men of genius be also men of large heart and nobility of soul. Perhaps one of the greatest features at the Seminary is the opportunity to meet and hear eminent Christian leaders. More than one man has discovered himself spiritually and intellectually under the stimulus and inspiration of such master minds and hearts. This is education at its best.

The peculiar good fortune of Seminary students to hear speakers of pre-eminent ability has been impressed upon my mind more forcibly than ever during the last few weeks. The opportunity to hear great educators, musicians, statesmen, social workers, within itself constitutes a liberal education. But the number of great Christian leaders who visit Louisville and the Seminary is most marked of all. They are men of international reputation and caliber. If our lack of modesty may be pardoned, sometimes it seems like the Seminary is the hub of the Christian universe where vital touch is kept with the "utmost part of the earth."

From Twenty-three Seminaries.

Now let us note some celebrities whom we have had as visitors recently. There are two seminaries in Louisville, the Presbyterian and the Baptist. These two seminaries entertained a conference of theological students and professors of the West and Southwest, December 3-5. Twenty-three seminaries were represented. Some of the greatest Christian leaders of this generation were among the visiting speakers. We note Dr. J. Ross Stevenson, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States and President of Princeton Theological Seminary; Dr. W. D. Mackenzie, President of the Hartford Seminary Foundation; Dean Shailer Mathews, President of the Northern Baptist Convention and Dean of the Divinity School of the University of Chicago. And in connection with these we ought to mention that our own President Mullins was one of the leading speakers of the Conference. Dr. W. H. F. Faunce, President of Brown University, spoke in our Chapel, December 6, on "Some Present Opportunities of the Christian Minister." Brown University was referred to as the father of our Baptist colleges in the United States and it was noted with interest that in the early days it drew many students from the South, especially from the Carolinas and Georgia, who later became leaders of the Baptist forces in those States.

"Recruiting for the Ministry" was emphasized in the Conference of Seminary students. The great need for more men and women to give their lives to Christian service is clearly evident to any one who has even a superficial view of the whole field. Where are the boys and girls in North Carolina who ought to consider giving their whole time to Christian service? The need

is urgent; the opportunity is great. God calls, but He uses human means. The claims and opportunities of the Christian ministry should be emphasized from every pulpit in the land. And "why not pray the Lord of the harvest"? The great Master of us all commanded us to do as much.

Missionary Day.

On Missionary Day, December 2, our North Carolina students considered the topic "The Ministry as a Life Work." F. K. Poole answered the question "What is included in a call to the ministry?" F. C. Helms discussed "The Pastor's Relation to Ministerial Recruits;" and J. R. Carroll, "The Pastor's Relation to the Board of Education." These messages were interesting and vital. The need for Christian ministers at home and abroad is perhaps unprecedented. God grant that boys and girls in our own State who may happen to read this may see the need, find out God's will for their lives, and respond wholeheartedly to the call if it leads into some field of definite Christian service.

The Gay Lectures.

The lectures this year under the Gay Foundation delivered December 17, 20, 21, by Professor R. E. Gaines of Richmond College, on "The Efficient Layman," attracted very favorable comment by those who heard them. It is very instructive and uplifting to hear a consecrated layman lecturing before a body of preachers. These lectures by Professor Gaines by all means should be published so that the general public may have an opportunity to profit by them.

Old Santa at the Seminary.

The Christmas holidays are upon us again. We have only two days in which to celebrate, but most of us will make good use of all the time we do have. Very few of our students spend Christmas at home. The distance is too great and the time is too short. But Santa Claus even visits old New York Hall, and often we are made to think that some of his richest treasure comes this way. There will be a big Christmas dinner at New York Hall, a Christmas party at the Training School on the evening of December 23, with numerous lesser festivities scattered in between, such as private parties, groups of students gathered to do honor to boxes from home, et cetera ad infinitum.

Greetings to Friends at Home.

"The ties that bind" to our Home State are always strong and especially at this season of the year they tug with a feeling akin to homesickness. This is true in a striking way of the North Carolina students. Out of the gratitude of loyal hearts we send the season's greetings to the many in the great State of our nativity to whom we are bound by ties all but infinite, and in the words of Tiny Tim we say "God bless you every one!"

Louisville, Ky.

Just a Suggestion

By J. M. CARROLL, D.D.

We have learned from many letters that there are possibly churches, Sunday-schools and societies that will observe a one week campaign for the Judson Centennial Movement, though they have not written to that effect. They will, in many instances, select other weeks than those which we have suggested. That part is perfectly satisfactory to us.

Now, my suggestion: If any of these—whether pastors, presidents or superintendents—will write us, we will gladly send to them not only tracts for free distribution, but some suggestions as to how to observe the Week and also some suggestions on a sermon or speech for the occasion, provided they desire to have a speech or sermon. We are glad for them to follow their own methods as to observing the Week. Let the Week be any week that is suitable to any certain locality, but let all remember that we will gladly help them in any way possible, in the way of suggestions or literature.

Write to J. M. Carroll, care Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.

There are possibly some places which have already agreed to observe the Week to whom we have not sent suggestions as to how to observe it, and there are possibly other places hesitating to observe it because of not knowing just how to conduct the services. We have made special preparation for that occasion and will gladly send suggestions to any who may desire them.

Richmond, Va.

We first cling to sin, and then sin clings to us.
—G. Campbell Morgan.

News Notes

Dr. W. Howard Doane, the eminent Baptist hymn-writer, is dead at an advanced age.

The University of Chicago is to celebrate its quarter century anniversary, June 9-13, 1916.

Secretary Middleton's "Question Box" is open as he states in his article. Fire in the questions!

Note about the Judson Centennial next week. Meantime plan to observe the One Week Campaign.

The Southern Baptist Convention is to meet at Asheville, May 17-22. Mark the date on your calendar.

The Semi-Centennial of the founding of Shaw University is to be observed during the week of commencement next May.

Address the B. Y. P. U. Secretary at Raleigh instead of Ridgecrest. He and his family are moving this week to this city.

Those good resolutions—keep them by all means; and if you should break one (as you doubtless will), mend it at once and go ahead!

Good sense along with stirring appeal are found in Dr. Gray's timely article on Home Board finances. Read it. And heed it!

The Mars Hill College Quarterly for December contains among other things a list of the 127 Mars Hill students that are now at higher institutions.

Rev. J. F. Davis changes his address from Pembroke to Lumberton whither he is moving in order to be more convenient to his work. He is not changing fields.

Rev. B. G. Early of Rose Hill has been critically ill with typhoid fever. We are happy to learn that he is somewhat improved and we hope he will soon recover.

The type of our obituary columns is a little larger this week, you observe, six point now while only five and a half point formerly, to use the printer's vernacular.

It will pay any one who can do so to attend the special lectures which Dr. H. C. Mabie is to deliver at Wake Forest College beginning January 14. See the announcement by Dr. Cullom.

The printers followed "copy" this time, but the "copy" was wrong. In Dr. Gray's article (p. 4) put three more ciphers to the figure about the South's grain crop, and let it read \$250,000,000.

Rev. R. M. VonMiller has removed from Jacksonville to Four Oaks, having accepted work in the Johnston Association. His field consists of Four Oaks, Kenly, and other points. He began work last Sunday.

Elder Elijah Allison, of Etowah, R. I., has suffered much for the past two months with a crushed foot. He was improved when he wrote us the other day and was hoping to soon resume meeting his appointments.

Rev. Frank A. Clarke has re-entered the pastorate and is now located at Lander, Wyoming. His last work in this State was as Principal of the Baptist High School at Murphy—a position he held acceptably for two years.

The picture of Eure Church (page four) was intended to accompany the sketch recently printed. By mistake the cut was made for our wide columns while the sketch was set in narrow measure; hence the disarrangement.

Dr. A. T. Robertson, of Louisville, Ky., is to deliver a series of lectures at Princeton Theological Seminary, February 22-25 and preach in the Seminary Chapel, February 27.

Isn't that a fine story about "A Demonstration Church" which Dr. O'Kelley gives us this week? He ought to write oftener. And we ought oftener to have such incidents to irradiate our denominational life.

Secretary Walter Johnson's first appointment after entering upon his new duties, January 1, was at Dunn last Sunday morning where he assisted Dr. Cullom, acting pastor, in the ordination of some deacons.

My work is progressing steadily. We have some of the salt of the earth and we enjoy our work among them. Thus writes one of our North Carolina exiles, Rev. C. T. Tew, pastor First Baptist Church, Greenville, Mississippi.

Rev. R. H. Askew, of Dillsboro, is our new pastor at that point; and we wish him much success there. He is also to soon enter upon mission work in Jackson County in connection with the work at Dillsboro.

The thirty-seventh annual report of the Buckner Orphans' Home, Texas, shows that the cash receipts last year amounted to \$81,940. There are now 650 children in this great institution. Rev. R. C. Buckner, D.D., the founder, is still in charge.

Associational Minutes gratefully received: Pee Dee (twenty-third session), W. J. Matthews, Clerk, Maxton; Transylvania (thirty-fourth session), T. C. Henderson, Clerk, Quebec; Little River (fortieth session), Rev. J. A. Campbell, Clerk, Buie's Creek.

The campaign to cancel the debt of the House of the Lord at Wake Forest will be continued with vigor until not a penny is due. The Convention Committee is happy to have Pastor Maddy resume its chairmanship. See their announcement (page four).

Rev. W. O. Biggs, of Elm City, writes: "I wish some strong North Carolina churches would move Rev. F. W. Putney from Baltimore, and Rev. John D. Freeman from Louisville, Ky., where he finishes at the Seminary this year. They are good men."

Rev. B. J. W. Graham, D.D., Editor Christian Index, says that he is personally and intimately acquainted with more than fifty preachers and laymen who are between the ages of eighty and ninety-five. There is room for the "old men" in the Kingdom!

If to know you have a friend who thinks about you often will lighten the burdens just a little, then remember that I am one who sends to you the kindest thoughts I know how to think. What delicious lines are these from that golden-hearted worker, Rufus Bradshaw, of Hickory.

We welcome to North Carolina our new pastor at Hertford, Rev. W. H. Carter. The Old Dominion has drawn rather heavily upon the North State and we are happy to retaliate now and then, as in the present case. We anticipate for Brother Carter a useful and happy ministry at Hertford.

A Knoxville, Tennessee, dispatch to the daily press on December 29 states that Rev. Geo. W. Perryman, D.D., at the age of fifty-eight died suddenly at his home in Winchester, Ky., on that day of acute indigestion. He was a prominent minister and widely esteemed throughout the South.

Is there not a peculiar sadness in a bereft home when the first snow falls on the new-made grave of a loved one? This sentiment is finely expressed by Dr. Brown in his charming little article (page four).

Mrs. Hettie Bilbro, wife of Rev. W. L. Bilbro, died at Maysville, N. C., December 28. We deeply sympathize with our brother and his family in this great bereavement. The interment was at Maysville on December 30, the funeral being conducted by Rev. C. G. Wells, of Plymouth.

From Scotland Neck wrote Brother Frank P. Shields, December 10: "Allow me to express my hearty appreciation of the expected departure of patent medicine advertisements from your columns. I shall hold my head just a bit higher when they are gone—irrevocably gone from the religious press of our denomination."

Rev. A. C. Chaffin wrote from Rosemary, December 27: "Please send me the Recorder at Rosemary, N. C., instead of Schoolfield, Va., as formerly. I have taken the pastorate of the church here, giving the church my whole time. Have been here only two Sundays and have received three members into the church. The work starts off favorably."

Rev. S. J. Porter, D.D., pastor First Baptist Church, San Antonio, Texas, a native of Columbus County, and a graduate of Wake Forest—is to assist Pastor T. W. O'Kelley at our Raleigh First Church in special meetings beginning January 16. Already there are indications that there will be a great revival.

Rev. T. J. Ragland, of Manteo, writes: "My time as pastor of the Manteo Baptist Church ends the fourth Sunday in January. I am not yet located for the coming year and would be glad to correspond with any church that needs the services of a pastor. May the Holy Spirit lead me where I can best serve my Master and His Kingdom."

Rev. J. J. Beach upon his retirement from the pastorate of East Gastonia Church was presented with a handsome chest of silver by the appreciative congregation there. Brother Beach has already entered upon his new pastorate in Columbia, S. C. He is to be succeeded in Gastonia by Rev. J. W. Whitley of Concord who is to begin work about February 1.

In a recent note of a delightful Sunday at Rocky Mount, we mentioned the fine service being rendered by Mrs. Minnie H. Edmonds as Choir Director, but by a slip of the pen omitted mention of the equally fine service being rendered by another Meredith College alumna, Miss Ada Shearin, who is the capable and faithful organist of our First Church there. And these excellent young ladies are ably assisted by a number of consecrated singers who join them in the belief and practice that the service of song ought to be a really important feature of divine worship.

Rev. John Jeter Hurt, D.D., pastor First Baptist Church, Durham, sends us a beautiful card with this Christmas wish: "Colleges, and courts and all commerce stand still today that human hearts may throb the louder. It is the time of memories, of sacred associations, of holy aspirations. Bethlehem angels are singing, and New Jerusalem angels are beckoning. In such an hour I am thinking of you, dear Friend; and wishes that are silent prayers go Godward for you—that today, and tomorrow, and all tomorrows may crowd your life with the things that both satisfy and last."

"Have Faith in God" is the New Year's phrase and motto of the Fifth Baptist Church, Washington, D. C., Rev. John E. Briggs, D.D., minister. His New Year wish for his members was this: "May you have wisdom for every problem, strength for every duty, comfort for every sorrow; and Christ's companionship, with its love, joy, and peace for every hour of every day."

Be sure to read and respond to Brother Campbell's call for contributions to help on the good and great work he is doing at Buie's Creek. His appeal (page eight) reached us after the last Recorder went to press. Since there was no paper last week, his appeal is late in reaching our readers. It is, however, all the more urgent and we trust that many of his friends will right away lend a helping hand.

Rev. Jesse C. Owen, Home Board Evangelist among our Mountain Missions and Schools, is to continue at his present very important post of duty, lately declining the tender of an inviting pastorate. Writing us on December 29, he says: "Asheville had the most orderly Christmas in its history. Fewer people have been arrested than during any preceding similar occasion. The good effect of the recent revival are still apparent. Prohibition is more and more prohibiting."

We were delighted to see in Raleigh last Monday Rev. W. W. Barnes, Th.D., Professor in the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. He had been on a holiday visit to his mother who lives at Elm City, this State. He is looking well and evidently the Texans are treating him well. He says the Seminary has reached its highest registration thus far in its history and the indications are that the enrollment will reach 250 before the close of the present year.

President Milton G. Evans, of Crozer Theological Seminary, wrote us December 21: "Copy of the Biblical Recorder containing an account of the North Carolina Convention received. I think I have read every word of your magnificent report of the proceedings of the Convention. I wish to thank you for your gracious words concerning me personally. It was a splendid Convention. I felt the exhilaration mentally and spiritually; I also felt that I would like to be a pastor in your State where you are doing things with method and enthusiasm."

Writes Brother J. W. East from Spray, December 28: "The Thread Mills Company, of this place, operating five cotton mills and one woolen mill, gave 1,021 Bibles to its employees as Christmas presents. The head of each family got a large Bible while those who were boarders got a smaller Bible, both bound in flexible morocco with overlapping cover, and stamped in gold. The fact that a large corporation should remember its operatives in this manner has caused much favorable comment. Not only that, but the spirit in which the gifts were received was great; saint and sinner alike—all were appreciative."

CLEANSE THE BLOOD AND AVOID DISEASE

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...President Mullins announces that Founders' Day will be celebrated at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary on Tuesday, January 11, beginning at 10 a. m., in the Chapel of Norton Hall. Two addresses will be delivered: one by Joshua Leveing, President of the Board of Trustees, and the other by Rev. James A. Chambliss, D.D., one of the first graduates of the Seminary.

...Evangelistic meetings began at the Raleigh Tabernacle last Sunday, Pastor Maddy being assisted by Evangelist J. H. Dew, of Ridgecrest—one of the very best evangelists in all the land. Mrs. Dew accompanies her husband and is rendering efficient aid by her singing, her personal work, and her meetings for women. A great revival is expected. There were ten professions of faith last Sunday.

...The New Bern Sun-Journal states that the Tabernacle Baptist Church of that city had the honor of sending out during the year just past, six of its members to enter the ministry and other lines of Christian work: one at the Seminary in Louisville, two at Buie's Creek, and the others just leaving for Moody Bible Institute in Chicago to take a course in special training there.

...A choice lot at Ridgecrest worth \$300 can just now be gotten for \$200 part cash and the balance in easy installments. Write to the Chairman of the Committee, Mr. L. G. Cole, Durham, N. C. You cannot make a mistake in this investment besides helping a worthy denominational enterprise through a period of crisis. We hope that every one of the fifty lots offered for sale at this price will be sold right away.

...We were glad to see in Raleigh during the holidays Rev. T. N. Ivey, D.D., Editor of the Christian Advocate, Nashville Tenn. He was formerly editor of the Raleigh Christian Advocate and did his work so well that he was placed upon the tripod of the general organ of the M. E. Church, South. He has certainly "made good" in his important position. And he is looking better physically than we have ever seen him. Strength, happiness, and usefulness for many years to our valued friend!

...From Goldston writes Rev. L. P. Soots: "After seven years in the pastorate, I have resigned my field of churches and have entered the evangelistic field, a work in which I have been so signally blessed. The work on the field which we have been serving for the past two years has been very pleasant in many ways. While the work has been hard, the Lord has blessed our efforts and the churches have made wonderful progress in many ways. We are now ready for engagements to hold meetings. Pastors desiring my services will please write me as early as possible. We have moved from Moncure and will make our home at Goldston."

...The Convention Annual containing the proceedings of our recent Convention at Charlotte, together with the ample and up-to-date denominational statistics and other data collected and compiled by Secretary Middleton, came from the press last week. The printing was done by the Edwards and Broughton Printing Company in their usual good style, accuracy, and dispatch, there being some delay on account of a delayed report. Secretaries Brewer and Gilmore certainly did their work well. For a free copy of this valuable booklet of 176 pages, write to Secretary Walter N. Johnson, Raleigh, N. C., enclosing five cents to pay for postage.

...The successor of Spurgeon, Dr. A. C. Dixon, a native of Cleveland County, North Carolina, makes an appeal (page four) for the Spurgeon Institutions which are now suffering on account of financial depression caused by the great war. We hope that a number of substantial responses will reach him from his native State. Several of our well-to-do business men could make a liberal contribution to this worthy cause.

...Miss Phoebe Fuller, for three years teacher of English here, and a terror to the lazy and slovenly-minded, but an inspirer of every worthy student, is an independent and self-supporting missionary in Rome, Italy. Her heart was in this work many years before the way opened for her to go. She is now trying to found a Christian Orphanage for the thousands of fatherless in Italy.—Mars Hill College Quarterly, December, 1915.

...This charming note reaches us from Wake Forest: "Mr. L. L. Jenkins, of Asheville, has given a handsome piano to the Woman's Missionary Society of Wake Forest, having arranged that it arrive there on Christmas Eve. This instrument was much needed and it has been placed in the Ladies' Parlor of the new church. Mr. Jenkins has achieved phenomenal success in the world of business. He is President of the American National Bank, Asheville, the Citizens National Bank, Hendersonville, the Arlington Cotton Mills, Gray Manufacturing Company, Flint Manufacturing Company and the First National Bank of Gastonia, and is a director and large stockholder in the First National Bank of Lenoir, N. C., the Continental Trust Company, of Washington, D. C., and other prosperous institutions. He is a loyal and liberal alumnus of Wake Forest College."

JUDGE OATES' NEW YEAR WISH.

The following fine New Year benediction, couched in original verse, came to the editor the other day from the President of our Baptist State Convention, Hon. John A. Oates, of Fayetteville.

May the year ahead
Be more than bread
To thy much-meaning life;
May thy widening field;
Rich fruitage yield,
And none of pain and strife."

MORE "PLANS" AND GOOD ONES.

The "Harvard Plan" has aroused a chorus of capital suggestions. The last Recorder (December 22) had something to say about the "Lumberton Plan," the "Bertie Plan" etc. Elsewhere in this paper, see articles on "The Burlington Plan" and "The Spring Branch Way." We give below two or three further "Plans" and we wait to hear from others with variations.

The Greensboro Way.

Writes Rev. Chas. H. Nash, D.D., of Greensboro, concerning "The Greensboro Way" as follows: "A deacon bears all the expenses of the pastor to the Convention (railroad and hotel). Another deacon bears my expenses. The deacons recommended and the church adopted an increase of \$500 on pastor's salary for 1916. The salary would have been increased a year ago but the pastor objected on account of the church debt. The debt is nearly paid now and will be paid in full in sixty days. Turner is the finest sphere I ever saw. He is really good at all he does. Allroundness marks him."

The Edenton Plan.

Pastor E. L. Wells, of our First

Church at Edenton, writes: "The Harvard Plan is a great improvement on the old one, and the Lumberton Plan sounds good; but the Edenton Plan is the best I know of. It is the fixed custom of this church to send the pastor to all the Conventions. This year, while in Charlotte, the church very generously added three hundred dollars to the salary. We are grateful to this splendid church for the expression of their appreciation of our ministry, and we begin our sixth year with a firm determination to give them our best."

The Bible on the Bertie Plan.

A marked copy of the last Recorder touching upon the "Bertie Plan," as advocated by Hon. Francis D. Winston, of Windsor, evoked from our genial and gifted friend (a devout Episcopalian, by the way) the following reply dated December 27: "I am not opposed to the 'Harvard Plan' for other localities. I simply wish it known that for the people of Bertie, dominated by godly Baptist influence, no partial hospitality is acceptable. We Baptists' down here stand by the strict and literal wording of the Scripture on that point, as in fact we do on all other Bible statements. St. Luke, who was a doctor and no doubt keen in looking after the health of the delegates sent out from time to time quotes the exact language of the Master: 'And in the same house remain, eating and drinking such things as they give; for the laborer is worthy of his hire. Go not from house to house.'"

DR. MABIE AT WAKE FOREST.

Dr. Henry C. Mabie's first lecture at Wake Forest will be on the evening of January 14. His subject for that evening will be "Elements of Worth in the New Theology." In my judgment it will be worth a good long trip to hear this one lecture, not to speak of the whole week of Dr. Mabie's work with us.

We can arrange entertainment for all who come at \$1.00 per day, and this will be the only cost to them while among us.

W. R. CULLOM.

Wake Forest, N. C.

A "WHITE CHRISTMAS" SERVICE.

The editor, having heard of the Christmas service of the Edgemont Baptist Sunday-school, has kindly asked me for a short account of it for the Recorder.

We had the "White Christmas" service which has come to mean so much to many Sunday-schools of America, and which, for some years, has been very highly praised by those who have used it. In short, it is a "giving" Christmas and every member of the school was given the opportunity of bringing a gift of some kind. These gifts were of three classes, namely, of substance, of service and of self. The gifts of substance were for the needy of the community and consisted in the main of fruits and provisions.

A manger, a real horse-trough, was procured from a nearby stable and was placed in the center of the pulpit platform. Directly behind was a cross about eight feet high draped with white cheese cloth, and this material was also used for draping other parts of the auditorium. The "white gifts" were brought to the platform by departments and were deposited in and around the manger and at the foot of the cross, as the members of the several departments marched by in single file.

The pastor then asked who would give something more valuable still to the King, namely, his time and service, doing whatever he should

feel that the King called on him to do during 1916. While "Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee," was being sung about one hundred came forward and pledged their service for next year.

The next gift asked for was explained to be the greatest of all gifts, the gift of self to the King on the part of those who had never taken Him as Saviour. Slowly, one by one, they came down to the front, until there were sixteen young people who thus publicly made profession of their faith in Jesus Christ.

It was a tender and gracious service and our people, including even the children, are completely won over to the "giving" Christmas, and "white Christmas" will doubtless be observed in our church, for many years to come.

The service was held Christmas morning beginning at nine o'clock. Full details of the "white Christmas" may be obtained for twenty-five cents from the Sunday School Times Co., Philadelphia.

CHAS. C. SMITH.

Edgemont Study, Durham, N. C.

MY CHRISTMAS.

Christmas 1915 was perhaps the best and sweetest of my pastoral life. I have had many delightful Christmases, whose memories will follow me to the end, but of all there was a sweetness about this which lingers and enriches the life.

The morning act seems like a sweet dream, yet it was sweet realization greatly enjoyed by several hundred people in the city—wives and mothers wept under strong and tender emotion, children were peculiarly awed by the sacred strains, and an old negro cook shouted as in a revival meeting.

In Salisbury the day was made sweeter and was celebrated with more reverence than any I have ever seen, and it was largely through the power of the carolling before dawn by the Mt. Zion Baptist choir of this city. F. R. Mason (colored) pastor. I was awakened from a sweet dream of heaven and was entranced by the strains of sacred music. I arose and crept to the door, and gathered on the porch steps was the choir, and under the quick flashes of the flash lights the scene was weird as the shadowy forms moved on changed position. On returning to my room my wife was weeping and the whole family in the spirit of reverential joy under the spell of the sweet voices rendering those beautiful Christmas carols.

With a community Christmas tree, and the white choir carolling Christmas eve night, and the colored choir Christmas morning just before dawn, every town in the State can make Christmas day one of spiritual uplift to everybody. Christmas thus begun continued to bedtime as a day of sweet fellowship, delightful home experiences, and a soul peaceful in the realization of the presence of a loving Saviour.

Besides this I have had more remembrances from my people and friends in general than ever before in my life. This sixth Christmas in Salisbury has been the best of my life, and has filled me with gratitude and courage for the unfolding work of the new year. Salisbury has been good to the pastor of the First Baptist Church, and during this last year he has lacked no good thing. The new year opens with bright prospects for a better year than any of the past.

C. A. G. T.

Salisbury, N. C.

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Sunday School

January 9] [International Lesson.

THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Acts 2:1-13.

Golden Text.—Know ye not that ye are a temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?—1 Corinthians 3:16.

We are to study Luke's brief account of the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost and of the ensuing amazement among the people assembled in Jerusalem from every quarter. The first scene took place probably in the Upper Room, and the second on the crowded streets in the immediate vicinity. On the one hand, we see the Spirit on the disciples; on the other hand, we glimpse the disciples to the multitude. Two great gifts are spoken of—the gift of the Spirit, and the gift of the tongues. The coming of the Comforter was followed by the marvel of the multitudes.

I.—The Coming of the Comforter.

Said Jesus to the disciples before He went away: "I will send you another Comforter." That promise was now verified and fulfilled.

(1) **The Day.** It was the Day of Pentecost, the fiftieth (as its name signifies) after the Passover, a week of weeks intervening between them; it celebrated the giving of the Law at Sinai; and it was one of the three great national festivals which every male Hebrew was expected to attend yearly in the Temple at Jerusalem. The exact date, according to our calendar, was perhaps Sunday morning, May 28, A. D. 30.

(2) **The Persons.** The body of the disciples at this time numbered about 120 in Jerusalem, including the apostolic circle and a number of women chief among whom was the mother of our Lord. For the ten days that had elapsed since the ascension of Jesus, the disciples had been holding daily prayer meetings and were patiently waiting for the promise of the Spirit. When that promise was fulfilled "they were all with one accord in one place."

(3) **The Place.** We are not expressly told just where the disciples were when the Spirit descended. No doubt it was their regular place of prayer, and this in all probability was the sacred Upper Room and its environs—a spot which thus takes its place with Calvary, Gethsemane, and Olivet.

(4) **The Sound.** While the body of disciples was sitting in their sanctuary, prayerful, receptive, and expectant, suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house. It was the sound of the hurricane without the sweep of the gale, for the atmosphere may have been perfectly calm at the moment. And it was the sound, not the wind that filled the sanctuary. Thus the Holy Spirit upon His descent first stormed Eye-Gate in his capture of the Town of Mansoul.

(5) **The Fire.** After the noise of tempest came the flash of fire, sight following sound. "And there appeared unto them cloven tongues, like flame, rested unconsuming upon each of them." The manifestation had the appearance of a sheet of flame, which, separating into tongue-like flame rested unconsuming upon each of the disciples. Like the desert bush at Horeb, these primitive disciples were actually on fire with God.

(6) **The Infilling.** Not only did they hear the sound and see the flame of divine presence, but their whole being was entirely penetrated with the Spirit of the Most High. "And they were all filled with the

Holy Ghost." He took complete possession of them so that they thought and talked and wrought under His holy impulse. They were, as Paul later said, temples of God for the Spirit of God was dwelling in them.

(7) **The Utterance.** Under the influence of the indwelling Spirit which prompted their utterance, they "began to speak with other tongues." That is, they were divinely endowed with the ability to tell the gospel message that day in various vernaculars of the world.

II.—The Marvel of the Multitude.

Such an event as that just recorded had never occurred hitherto in the world's history and was never to occur again. No wonder it evoked the marvel of the multitude.

(1) **The Sojourners.** At this time there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men out of every nation under heaven. These religious men were no doubt waiting for the coming of the Messiah and they therefore formed a ripe field for the gospel sizzle at Pentecost.

(2) **The Excitement.** The noise of the Spirit's descent, not only was heard by the disciples in the Upper Room, but it attracted the attention of the throngs in the streets. Quickly they congregated in the vicinity, curious to know the secret of the phenomenon. Orientals are naturally excitable, and we may well imagine that excitement now rose to the highest pitch.

(3) **The Amazement.** Before their curiosity could be gratified, the thronging people were utterly amazed at what they saw and heard namely, the disciples, now perhaps scattered here and there along the streets, preaching earnestly in the various languages of the people here gathered from the ends of the earth. They "were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in their own language."

(4) **The Miracle.** Popular curiosity and amazement was now lost in wonder at the miracle before their very eyes. They saw that the speakers, or most of them, were Galileans, provincial illiterate and utterly incompetent of themselves to be such linguists. To one another in blank amazement, they said: "Behold, are not all these who speak Galileans? And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?" Such a miracle no one had ever witnessed before.

(5) **The Dialects.** Glimpse the marveling multitude and see the secret of their wonder. Here were people from India, on the east, to Rome, on the west; and from Pontus on the north, to Egypt, on the south; so that practically the whole habitable globe was here represented. The Persian tongue in various dialects was spoken by the Parthians, Medes, and Elamites. The Mesopotamians used Chaldaic speech, while Aramaic was the language of Judea, a different dialect from that of Galilee. In Egypt the Coptic tongue was spoken. Arabic was the language in Arabia. Latin was the tongue used in Rome. Greek in many dialects was spoken in other places mentioned and many parts of the empire. No fewer, therefore, than seven great languages with many dialects were spoken by the people composing the vast cosmopolitan audience at Pentecost.

(6) **The Perplexity.** When these visitors and sojourners in Jerusalem heard the apostles tell in their own respective languages the wonderful works of God, "they were all amazed and were in doubt, saying one to another, 'What meaneth this?' Naturally they were perplexed; but even so, they were prepared for the sermon which Peter under divine impulse delivered at the psychological moment.

(7) **The Sneer.** But the vast throng was not without its cynics. There were some who curled the lip

of scorn at the miracle before their eyes and indulged in vinegar speech about it. Mockingly they said of the preachers, "These men are full of new wine."

What Peter had to say in answer to the sneer and in explanation of the miracle will be considered in a later lesson.

DEATH OF REV. J. W. DUNCAN.

On December 15, 1915, there passed from us one of our oldest and most loved and respected citizens, the Rev. Jonathan W. Duncan, who was born August 7, 1832. His early life was one of unparalleled hardship, but he battled and fought his way till he became a leader of men.

When the war broke out between the States, he early enlisted in the cause of the South, and became first lieutenant in a famous regiment and took active part in many a hard-fought battle.

When the war was over, having bravely fought for the cause of the South, he now enlisted in the war against sin and its inevitable results. He engaged in the battles of Jesus, and for more than fifty years he was a champion in the Army of the Lord. For more than fifty years he rode the country and preached to the people. He was one of the pioneer Baptist preachers. He probably traveled more miles, preached more sermons and baptized more converts than any other one mountain preacher of his day. Whatever he did, he entered into with great zeal, and nothing could shake him from his moorings.

As the Lord chasteneth him whom He loveth, Brother Duncan was often afflicted with sorrows, and though he yearned for the time when sorrows would cease, yet he never removed his integrity from him. His perfect and peaceful resignation marked the end of the earthly existence of one of the chosen of the Lord.

The family, the church and the country, miss him, but his influence is imperishable. Green grow the grass above his grave, and ever fresh and green be his memory in the hearts of all those to whom his saving message has come.

J. M. PETERSON.

Gileath N. C.

"PLEASE HEAR ME."

The North Carolina Baptists have been exceedingly kind to me and have borne patiently with me these years. I regret much to unload my burdens upon them when they are already burdened with many appeals, but I beg you hear this word. For twenty-nine years I have been trying to do my best for the Lord's cause here at Buie's Creek.

We have built a house for the Lord. We have spent about \$10,000. We owe \$1,100 and such are the conditions that every dollar must be paid by January 1. I have promised to raise \$200 by that time and a committee of ten in our church are at work to raise the other \$900.

We have the house so we can use it in warm weather, but it will require about \$3,000 to complete the house. This \$1,100 must be raised by January 1. Our Thanksgiving offering amounted to \$155. We gave last year \$610 for Missions and Orphanage. Since 1900 I have baptized more than 700 here. I do not believe there is a place in the State where a dollar invested means more for the Kingdom. Can my people help me and help before January 1? Remember—\$200 by January 1.

J. A. CAMPBELL.

Buie's Creek.

Who ought to believe you when you say "Christ is my Saviour," if your lives are, to all outward seeming, exactly what they were before?—Alexander MacLaren.

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B. Y. P. U.

Officers of all Unions are earnestly asked to send news notes for publication and inquiries concerning the work to be answered in this column, to Secretary J. D. Moore, Raleigh, N. C.

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SECRETARY'S NOTES.

Full Time Secretaryship.

The State Mission Board, acting under authority from the Baptist State Convention, has continued the B. Y. P. U. Committee and made an appropriation to the work. The Committee has arranged to secure for full time the services of the former half-time Secretary. We enter upon the work with full confidence in the hearty co-operation of the nearly one hundred and fifty Young People's Unions in our churches in North Carolina. This action by the Committee of the Board is in answer to a resolution passed by the Convention of Baptist Young Peoples' Unions at Mt. Airy last June and is also an answer to the needs of the work at the present stage of its development. The Committee most earnestly desires the co-operation of every Union in the State, both in the support and in the prosecution of the work.

THE NEW B. Y. P. U. COMMITTEE.

The Committee appointed by the Board to supervise the work of the Baptist Young Peoples' Unions consists of men who have the best interests of the cause seriously at heart and who will do all in their power to bring about their success. Mr. R. N. Simms, of Raleigh is chairman; Mr. J. D. Berry, also of Raleigh, is treasurer of the Committee; the remaining members are Dr. B. W. Spillman, Kinston; Rev. W. C. Barrett, Gastonia; and Dr. W. R. Cullom, of Wake Forest. Mr. Simms, as chairman, will have some messages for the Unions from time to time and we hope that a hearty response will be given him in every case.

Another Union at Wakefield, R. F. D. No. 2.

Mr. Addison Pearce, Wakefield, R. F. D. No. 2, writes of the recent organization of another Baptist Young People's Union in his church. He says, "Please send me a B. Y. P. U. Standard of Excellence. We have organized a new Union and we want a Standard of Excellence for it. Brother Pearce is exactly right in his method of procedure. The first thing for a new Union to do is to set the Standard up as a guide and a goal. It is the first thing for any Union to do which has not already done so."

About the State Convention Date.

The B. Y. P. U. State Convention for 1916 will meet in connection with the Wrightsville Assembly according to action taken by the last Convention at Mt. Airy. The date of the Assembly will, in all probability, be June 27 and week following. If so, this will make the Convention dates June 23, 24 and 25. The Convention will meet with the Calvary Church of Wilmington but it is expected that as many of the delegates to the Convention as can possibly arrange to do so will take advantage of the Assembly program at Wrightsville Beach immediately following the Convention exercises in the City. The Secretary hopes to be able to make important announcements about the

Convention program within a few weeks.

The State Secretary Asks

1. That the Unions which have attained the Standard send for report blank, if they do not have one, on which they may make application for recognition as A-1. They will find the report blank in Mr. Flake's Secretary's Record book which ought to be in the hands of every Secretary.
2. That the Secretaries observe the change in the State Secretary's address;—Raleigh, instead of Ridgecrest as formerly.
3. The Corresponding Secretaries are urged to send to the State Secretary news notes about their work. The B. Y. P. U. column will as heretofore be open to items of news from the Unions in the State, but will in addition thereto have more to say along the line of the work.

A PACKAGE OF PAMPHLETS.

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit. By Charles Edward Smith, D.D. Price 5 cents net. American Baptist Publication Society, Philadelphia.

What Things Were Gained. By Anna B. Theilgaard. Price, 10 cents net. Griffith and Rowland Press, Philadelphia.

The New Immanuel Movement. By J. S. Kirtley, D.D., Chicago. Price 10 cents.

The Social Problem. By Samuel Zane Batten. Price 15 cents net. American Baptist Publication Society, Philadelphia.

Women in American Industry. By Scott Nearing, Ph.D. Price, 10 cents net. American Baptist Publication Society, Philadelphia.

The Shadow of the Bottle. Published in the interest of nation-wide prohibition of the liquor traffic. Price 25 cents. Review and Herald Publishing Association, Washington, D. C.

The Papal Decree "Ne Temere." A verbatim report of the Imperial meeting of protest held in Central Hall, London, November 19, 1912. Price 15 cents. S. Whybrew, Richmond, Va.

Preacher and Prayer. By E. M. Bounds. Washington, Ga. Price, 15 cents. Distributed by Gospel Tract Depot, Charlotte, N. C.

History of Public School Education in Alabama. By Stephen B. Weeks, of the United States Bureau of Education. Price, 20 cents per copy. Address Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C.

Everybody's Recipe Book. Containing the most useful and practical recipes and hints for health, hygiene, cooking, household, office, workshop, farm and garden. Compiled and edited by James Gilchrist Lawson and Mildred Martin Lawson. Price ... Glad Tidings Publishing Company, Chicago.

Autobiography of Asa Biggs. Including the journal of a trip from North Carolina to New York in 1832. Bulletin Number 19 of the Publications of the North Carolina Historical Commission. Edited by R. D. W. Connor, Secretary, Raleigh.

Lake Mohonk Conference. Report of twenty-first annual conference on International Arbitration, May 19-21, 1915. For a copy, we are indebted to the Secretary of the Conference, Mohonk Lake, N. Y.

Baptist State Convention Minutes for 1915: Vermont, Rev. W. A. Davison, D.D., Secretary and Superintendent, Burlington, Vt., West Virginia, Rev. L. B. Moore, Corresponding Secretary, Parkersburg, W. Va.; Oregon, Rev. O. C. Wright, Corresponding Secretary, Portland.

A Roman Fly in the Baptist Ointment. By A. L. Vail, D.D. Price, 15 cents net, American Baptist Publication Society, Philadelphia.

"The purpose of this writing," says Dr. Vail in his opening paragraph, "is to show that some practices now prevalent among American Baptists, with the views of church order on which they rest, are inharmonious with the Scriptures and inconsistent with some basal conceptions of a church in which all Baptists agree."

John Branch, 1782-1863. By Marshall DeLancey Haywood. Reprinted from the North Carolina Booklet, Raleigh, N. C., October 1915.

The subject of this interesting booklet of fifty-five pages was Governor of North Carolina, United States Senator, Secretary of the Navy, Member of Congress, Governor of Florida, etc. A worthy sketch of him is this from the pen of Mr. Haywood who is the gifted author of "Governor William Tryon and His Administration in the Province of North Carolina, 1765-1771." "Lives of the Bishops of North Carolina," "Ballads of Courageous Carolinians," etc. Mr. Haywood does not attempt a eulogy or even a studied portrayal of the character of John Branch. He simply gives some record of his official actions in the various high stations which he occupied. "They show that he was no time serving politician, but a fearless, firm, wise and patriotic statesman whose fidelity to a public trust was never shaken by thirst for office (though many offices he had) or by any other selfish consideration."

HERTFORD'S NEW PASTOR.

After being without a pastor for some months our church here in Hertford recently extended a hearty and unanimous call to Rev. W. H. Carter, of the First Baptist Church of Winchester, Virginia. In due time, Brother Carter notified us that after earnest and careful consideration, he had decided to accept the call, and on the second Sunday in December, he entered upon his work. He has been greeted by fine congregations, and is already finding a place in the hearts of our people. We trust that under his leadership we shall be enabled to accomplish great things for our Master.

We feel that the Lord directed us in the choice of Brother Carter as our under shepherd. He was highly recommended to us by friends of his who are interested in our church, but he himself knew nothing about it until we wrote him in regard to a call. He was greatly attached to the people and the work in Winchester having been there for more than six years and his church brought strong pressure to bear upon him to induce him to remain with them. He felt, however, that God's hand was in our call, and that he ought to accept it. We are glad to have him with us, and both pastor and people are praying and hoping and planning to do their best for the advancement of the Kingdom of God.

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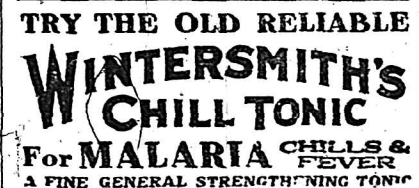
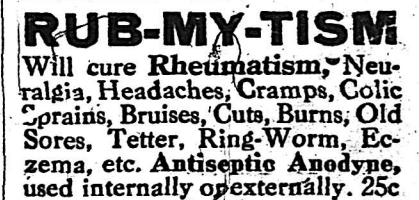
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Woman's Missionary Union

Edited by Miss Blanche Barrus, Corresponding Secretary, Raleigh, N. C.

SECRETARY'S NOTES.

"Another year is dawning.
O Master, let it be,
In working or in waiting.
Another year for Thee."
—1916 Prayer Calendar.

A Happy New Year to all our workers!

Next on the W. M. U. Calendar: Week of Prayer for World-wide Missions. May it be widely observed!

New Societies, Third Quarter.

Among other encouraging features of the third quarter's work we are glad to report 89 new societies. We hope every one of them will begin the new year aright, by reporting a generous offering for our Foreign Mission work.

A Visit from Miss Kelley.

We were glad to welcome a few days ago, Miss Sue Kelley, who has just finished a month of earnest work among the women of the Neuse-Atlantic Association. She reports a growing interest in all phases of our work, especially along the line of mission literature, 114 new subscriptions having been secured during her brief visit. We feel sure that the societies visited by Miss Kelley have received fresh help and inspiration for the coming year's work.

Some Interesting Letters.

Miss Mary Cox, of Magnolia, writes most encouragingly of the third quarter's work in the Eastern Association. Quite a number of new societies have been organized, and many forward steps taken. Perhaps the most encouraging feature has been the increased interest and help of pastors and laymen in the W. M. U. work, as evidenced by their recent appropriation of two hundred dollars for the promotion of this work throughout the Association. We wish that many other associations would follow this noble example.

Mrs. S. A. Howard writes of several recent visits to societies, and two new ones organized during the quarter.

Mrs. J. G. Graham, of Caroleen, writes: "Our work at Caroleen and Henrietta is very promising. The societies have over reached their apportionment for State Missions, and are making splendid progress in Personal Service which work has been one of our special aims for the year."

Young Woman's Auxiliaries

Leader: Mrs. C. E. Mason, Charlotte.

Who knoweth whether thou art come to the Kingdom for such a time as this — Esther 4:14.

WHO?

For the first list of correct answers received I will send the little book "Christian Citizenship for Girls," by Miss Helen Thoburn, Educational Secretary of the National Board Y. W. C. A.

MRS. C. E. MASON.

Charlotte, N. C.

1. What missionary was put in prison, starved, and hung up by his heels?

2. What missionary went through

the city walls at night with the bullets singing about his ears to help make a truce between the royalists and revolutionists in China?

3. What woman about to be killed by a Chinese mob, tore off the hem of her gown, and bound up a child's head?

4. What champion bicycle-rider of the world became a foreign missionary?

5. What missionary rode thousands of miles on horseback at the beginning of winter to save a great territory for the United States?

6. What missionary explored a continent, discovered the largest falls in the world, helped break up the slave trade, died on his knees praying, and was buried in Westminster Abbey?

7. What medical missionary is called the Saviour of Liao-Yang? What brave deed did he do?

8. What missionary kept at bay throughout an entire night a band of hyenas and cheetahs?

9. What missionary has a hospital in the Arctic regions?

10. What woman went in disguise into the mountains of Tibet, risking her life?

A NEW YEAR'S PROGRAM FOR THE Y. W. A.

(Prepared by Mrs. J. R. McLean, Wilson, N. C.)

Devotional.

1. Hymn—O Zion Haste.
2. Prayer—By Leader—For more consecrated service during the coming year.
3. Scripture Reading (a) Psalm 100—Praise for God's Providential Care. (b) Psalm 103—Thanksgiving for our individual mercies.
4. A sentence prayer by all present, thanking God for the privilege of being together at this New Year's meeting.

Practical.

1. A short talk by the Leader on the work in the past year and the plans for the coming year.
2. A talk by the President—The social service work of our society. Some good we have done, and much more that we might have done.
3. The year's report by the Treasurer.
4. Roll Call—Each member will respond to the roll call with a New Year's resolution.
5. The Lord's Prayer in concert.

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DOLLAR SUNBEAMS.

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Bladenboro.—Gertie Paits, Mt. Airy.—Alma Webb, Olive Smith.

East Durham.—Mary Abernethy, Clara Abernethy, George Green.

Never does human nature seem so glorious and so wicked all at once as when we stand before the cross of Jesus! The most enthusiastic hopes, the most profound humiliation, have found their inspiration there.—Phillips Brooks.

PASTOR'S ASSISTANT AVAILABLE.

It gives me pleasure to state that Miss Beulah B. Bowden is a member of the First Baptist Church of Charlotte, N. C., and as her pastor it is my privilege to announce that she is available as a pastor's assistant or other useful service in church, college or school. Miss Bowden is well educated, highly cultured, consecrated and full of energy. She would make a fine assistant to any pastor or a splendid teacher of the Bible in school or college. After four years of service as a missionary in Mexico and two years' service as teacher in Mars Hill College she is splendidly equipped for the work to which she aspires. Miss Bowden is a full graduate of the Louisville Baptist Training School.

WILLIAM M. VINES.

Charlotte N. C.

A SKETCH OF JAMES WASHINGTON MITCHELL.

In the evening hour Mr. James Washington Mitchell laid aside the cares of life, with the consciousness of having finished his work on earth. This was November 13, 1915. He was born December 31, 1834. He lived and died where he was born, near Cremona, Bertie County.

His grandfather and father lived and died on the same farm. His father lived and died in the same building, as did his splendid son, the subject of this sketch—The Old Mitchell Home.

His father was Hon. James Saunders Mitchell, who was prominent in his day in the affairs of Bertie County, being State Senator from Bertie in 1842, and was succeeded in that law-making body by another of Bertie County's strong men, Hon. Lewis Thompson. Senator Mitchell died in 1869.

On his maternal side he came of a sturdy stock, his mother being Miss Mary Thomas, sister of Abram Thomas, who lived and died in Bertie County, near Losing Swamp. Dr. R. P. Thomas is a scion of the same stock, who was for many years moderator of West Chowan Association, who lives in Hertford County. Mr. Wash Mitchell, as he was known, was a double first cousin of good Dr. Thomas. Prominent of his brothers was Dr. John Mitchell, a minister of the Gospel, who spent many years of his life at Wake Forest.

The Civil War, with all its horrors came just as Mr. Wash Mitchell was in the flush of young manhood, while on a visit to his uncle in Mississippi, where he joined the Confederate Artillery. He attended the Re-Union in Memphis.

He was married September 8, 1870, to Miss Laura E. Perry, daughter of the late J. J. Perry who lived near the Hertford County line. The late J. W. Perry, a prominent commission merchant and banker of Norfolk, Va., was one of Mrs. Mitchell's brothers. Mr. Ernest Perry, of Norfolk is also one of her brothers, the only one now living.

His widow survives him. Two children were born of this union who survive him, Lizzie and Wayland. His daughter, Lizzie, is the charming wife of Mr. J. A. Williams, a merchant of Ahoskie, N. C. His son, Dr. Wayland Mitchell is a physician in Lewiston, N. C., who is a worthy son of a noble sire.

For more than two generations Mr. Mitchell was a deacon of the Holly Grove Baptist Church.

The allurements of office never attracted this good man, though his people called him to the position of County Commissioner, and for many years he was a member of the Board of Education of his County, and in all his relations of life, public or private, he was clean and upright.

He was a man of strong mind and had in his home a good library, and read the periodicals and newspapers and kept fully abreast of the times. Commanding in appearance, being a little over six feet in stature, a splendid type of physical manhood, with a face that would attract a stranger in any gathering, he stood the full measure of a man. His face resembled the best portraits of Washington, whose namesake he was. Through a long career he was true to every interest confided to his care.

It is needless to say that as a husband he was tender, loving and affectionate; as a father kind and indulgent. In every walk and station of life he was a man in the fullest sense of that word. He was true to himself and true to all.

Wreaths have faded and withered on his tomb; perennial flowers will still blossom and decay thereon; time will level the well rounded mound where he sleeps, but his good deeds are undying; they are but hid for the moment behind the gloomy shadows—we call death, only to reappear in immortal beauty, purity and brilliancy to shine forever.

Thus has passed from the scene of action one of Bertie County's country gentlemen—a gentleman of the old school, who will be remembered through the coming years as one of Bertie's grand old men.

W. R. JOHNSON.

Ahoskie, N. C.

Christianity never makes a little alteration in a man's thinking and action. Christianity makes new hearts, new creatures, and not new plans and new habits only.—Joseph Parker.

Christ's call came as a renewed opportunity—a second chance. How great is the love which reaches down lower than our failure and self-despair, in order to lift us up!—J. Stuart Holden.

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THANKSGIVING IN CURRITUCK.

Dear Bro. Moore.—If you will allow space in the Recorder I will say a few things about the services held at Moyock, Shady Grove and Rehoboth. We held a Thanksgiving service at Moyock on November 25. The Methodists worshiped with us and we raised \$55 for the orphans. This amount was divided, making \$27.50 for each of the two orphanages. We have held joint services for three years.

At Shady Grove we raised \$15; at Rehoboth, \$33.75. We think \$76.25 did well for three weak churches. I verily believe there is a better day for our people in this section; they respond to almost every appeal made to them. At Moyock we have but few members, but they are liberal when it comes to helping the needy. We contributed fifty cents per member for State Missions, besides contributing to the other objects of the Convention. We have a good Sunday-school, and have just organized a Missionary Society. When Bro. E. F. Aydtlett visited our church in the interest of compact fields, every member within reach of the church was present except two, and both of them are aged people. We would like to have Bro. Middleton visit us in Currutuck. We think he could do a fine and needed work in this eastern section. N. P. STALLINGS.

Moyock, N. C.

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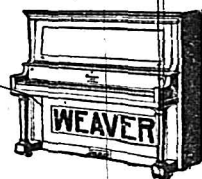
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Micah 5:2.

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choice.
Destined evermore to reign,
Boundless, endless in domain.

In thy fields with constant care,
Faithful shepherds vigil keep.
Guarding well from prowling bear
Cattle mild and timid sheep;
Waiting through the silent night
Waiting for the coming light.

Thus of old in Samuel's day
David watched o'er flock and herd.
Watched and sang his shepherd's lay
As the living Spirit stirred.
Moved to words of trust and calm
Spoken forth in praiseful psalm.

Then the man of God drew near,
Coming by divine behest
Filling Bethlehem with fear.
Staying not his urgent quest;
Seeking for a chosen one
Found in Jesse's lowly son.

Pious shepherds on thy hills
Now recount in words of praise,
While a strange, new spirit fills
Great Jehovah's wondrous ways.
Speaking of the promise giv'n
Of a Messenger from Heav'n.

Lo, the sky is strangely bright!
Lo, the gleaming fields aglow!
While the shepherds, awed in fright:
At the vision bending low.
Fearing at the word of grace!
Bowing down from angel's face

Came the message full of cheer,
Telling of the hope fulfilled,
Let there be to you no fear;
Let your hearts with joy be
thrilled,
Unto you is born this day
One to walk in David's way!

By His grace all saints are saved,
By His power all kings o'erthrown,
In His blood all sin is laved,
At His word the strife is stayed;
Glory be to God above,
Peace on earth, good will and love.

Lowly Bethlehem, rejoice,
Age on age shall speak thy name,
From thy manger by God's choice
Sin-doomed earth's Messiah came,
Came to bring redemption's day,
Came the Light, the Truth, the Way!
O. A. D.

APPRECIATION OF BROTHER ELLIOTT.

Whereas Brother Josiah Elliott has resigned his charge at Rocky Hock Church; and as we fully appreciate his great worth and valuable services; we wish to express our regret at his leaving us, for he has been a faithful pastor in visiting the sick and the afflicted and reading and praying with them. Now, therefore, it affords us great pleasure to show our great appreciation for him, and our thankfulness for the service rendered while he was our pastor.

And now therefore be it resolved: That there is no man that we know who deserves more at the hands of the people of northeastern North Carolina than Brother Elliott. His real worth is well known by our people, and we only echo the fact. He is thought of as one of the best men of our communion and deservedly so. That we part with him, with great

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regret; but our blessings go with him
in his future life and work.

Done by order of the conference
on the Saturday before the first
Lord's Day, December, 1915.

REV. JOSEPHUS TYNCH,
Committee.

Tyner, N. C.

FORTY YEARS A PASTOR.

I have just gotten home from
the Convention. So glad I was able
to attend one more. I enjoyed each
session. The Convention as a body
seemed to want to be governed by
democratic principles, and yet special
privileges were allowed some. De-
mocracy means equal rights to all,
and special privileges to none, yet
upon the whole things went off very
well.

There must be some changes in
our institutions of learning, if not,
our young people will lose sight of
Baptist principles. All pedo-Baptists
know that the Baptists have the
Bible on their side, and the best
thing they can do is to get them
to hold their peace, and be as broad
as they can, and the sad thought is,
that some of our brethren have
broadened until they hardly know
what they are. The best thing for
us to do is to swing back to the old
landmarks, and contend earnestly for
the faith once delivered to the saints.
I am afraid I will never be able to
attend another Convention, but I
hope I will, but forty years of hard
work in the pastorate, and on hard
mission fields is enough to bring a
stout man to a standstill; much less
one that has seldom had a well day
during the time.

I close this year with satisfactory
results. I have baptized seventy-
eight, and received by letter between
twenty and twenty-five. My work is
in fine shape, and the church is out
of debt, except we are owing \$300. on
our new location. This we want to
arrange during the coming year. I
would like to continue the work until
a comfortable house of worship is
erected on the new lot, but I have
built houses enough. The work is
too heavy for me now. I hope to
get the work in shape so I can turn
it over to a younger man soon.

I often feel I must turn aside for
a little rest, before I go hence, and
yet I am afraid that if I stop, for
a rest the worry will be worse on
me than the work. I am glad I have
many sons in the ministry to preach
the gospel when I am gone. Some of
them have already crossed over the
river. I wish all that are living
would write and tell me what they
are doing.

I love the Recorder, and wish the
editor and all his assistants a joyful
Christmas and a happy and prosper-
ous New Year. We enjoyed our stay
in Charlotte. Several members of
Enon Church, that I served for
eleven years live there. They made
our stay pleasant indeed.

G. C. HAYMORE.

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Major T. T. Hyde has re-
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vention and a member of several of
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GREEN.—On November 18, 1915, our dear young brother, J. Arthur Green, passed from earth to heaven after being sick for some time. He was a son of Mr. W. W. and Mrs. Green. Twenty-one years of age, had been a consistent member of Liberty Baptist Church in Buncombe County for nearly eight years. He was honored and loved by all who knew him. He leaves a father, mother, one brother, and two sisters, with many relatives and friends to mourn their loss. Much sympathy extended to the bereaved ones. —L. W. Young, Candler, N. C.

WILSON.—Mrs. F. C. Wilson, daughter of John R. Berry, died December 12, 1915, age twenty-nine years. She leaves a rather, four sisters, and four brothers—Mrs. J. S. Berry, Mrs. A. F. Breeze, Mrs. Jas. O. Webb, Mrs. J. W. Berry, W. A. Berry, T. E. Berry. She leaves a husband and two children—Mr. F. C. Wilson of Willow Springs. She was married to Mr. Wilson nearly five years ago, and they have lived happily together. Pellagra was the cause of her death. Her remains were laid to rest at Berry's Grove Church of which she had been a member for several years. The thought of death was welcome to her and she was not afraid to die. She suffered for nearly a year and spent a large part of this time praying. A large crowd attended the burial service. —Niece.

BUNCH.—Brother Cullen Bunch was born March 20, 1808, and departed this life August 15, 1915. He professed faith early in life and after baptism joined the Rocky Hock Church. Brother Bunch was a living light in his home, church and community. He was a man of faith and works, and a great leader for good in every way. He was always prompt, and ever ready to contribute to the different objects of the church. He attended services as long as he could walk. He became paralyzed and was helpless.

Patience he suffered, and often wept because he could not go to church. He was loved by all who knew him, full of life, a cheerful word for every one.

He was a tower of strength to his pastor. Was a deacon for more than thirty years. His influence shall live while memory lasts. His faithful wife devoted son, doctor and a host of friends did all they could, but alas, the sun went down, and he fell asleep to awaken on the resurrection morn.

He leaves devoted ones: wife, son, brother, and a large number of friends to mourn their loss. After the funeral services in the home his body was taken to the cemetery for interment to await the resurrection morn. "Not dead but sleepeth." God bless the loved ones.—Pastor.

COUNCIL.—Adolphus Wayland Council, eldest son of Albert, and Lurana Upchurch Council, was born in Wake County, N. C., September 3, 1859; died at his home in High Point, September 30, 1915. God called him up higher and from his earthly to his heavenly home. In early life Brother Council accepted Jesus as his personal Savior and united with the Green Level Baptist Church. Later in life he moved to make his home in Mt. Airy. January 23, 1889, Mr. Council was married to Miss Elizabeth Annie Payne, of Westfield, N. C. To this union were born eight children, two sons and six daughters. Adolphus Wayland died in infancy nineteen years ago. He was in waiting to welcome his dear father to his heavenly home.

The surviving children are Misses Grace, Annie Laura, Iris, Ruth, Elizabeth, and Lois, and the son, Lawrence. These, together with the mother, are left to mourn the loss of a most loving husband and a kind and indulgent father.

In January, 1895, Brother Council was ordained deacon in the First Baptist Church of Mt. Airy, where he served most faithfully until with his family in 1897 he moved to High Point, where he made his home until his death. On coming to High Point with his good wife he united with the First Baptist Church. He was made deacon soon after joining the church and in this office he served most acceptably until death.

Brother Council was gentle in spirit, unpretentious in his manner, charitable and considerate in his dealings with all men, and much beloved in the church and whole community. Brother Council loved his home and was most devoted to his family. He was consecrated to God and His service and devoted to his church. His Christ-like spirit drew his pastor close to him and made him to love him as a brother in Christ. A good man hath fallen in Israel. The church and city have sustained a great loss in his going from us, but most of all his sorrowing family left in the world without him and in the home alone. He went away in the bright light of the divine presence and leaves behind a gracious witness. Rest in peace till we meet again and to part no more forever. —A. W. Oxon, Pastor, High Point, N. C.

KIVETT.—W. L. Kivett was born January 4, 1864. He was the son of Jefferson and Sarah Kivett.

Mr. Kivett and his little son, Byrne, ten years old were blown into eternity by the explosion of eleven sticks of dynamite on October 16, 1915. The father and son seem to have been sitting over the dynamite, when, in some way unknown, it exploded and destroyed their lives.

Mr. Kivett lived two miles east of High

Point, N. C., in a beautiful home on his farm. Mr. Kivett was brought up on his father's farm, and attended the public schools near by. He also for some time attended the Mt. Vernon Springs Academy for his high school training.

April 17, 1892, he was married to Miss Esther Vestal of Chatham County. There were born to this union ten children, five boys and five girls. Garland died from injuries some years ago, Byrne went with his father. There remains to mourn their loss the widowed mother and eight children.

Mr. Kivett professed faith in Jesus at the age of sixteen and joined Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church in Randolph County. He moved his membership to Liberty, N. C., where he resided for a number of years. When he moved to his home near High Point he brought his letter with him and joined the First Baptist Church in High Point and for some years he was an active deacon in this church. Being only a little over fifty-one years of age in the midst of a useful life the circumstances of his death make it very sad indeed.

On the morning of his death he went to a field in company with his little son and a negro boy to blow up a large stump, when the eleven sticks of dynamite exploded and the father was blown in one direction and the son in the other, both being literally torn to pieces. The fragments of their bodies were gathered up and put in coffins and funeral services were held at the First Baptist Church, where both the father and son were members. These services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. A. W. Claxon, assisted by others, in the presence of a large congregation and the remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at High Point. The negro boy accompanying Mr. Kivett and his son, had been sent to the woods, near by, for a stick to tamp the dynamite and so escaped unhurt, but did not see the explosion.

In his home, Mr. Kivett as a husband, was kind, affectionate, tender and thoughtful. As a father, he was indulgent and kind, and seemed always to be thinking of the welfare of loved ones at home.

W. L. Kivett had few equals as a farmer, he studied closely the soil and the crops to be grown upon it and knew well how to cultivate and fertilize to the best advantage and he realized good returns from his labors, as a farmer he was a great success.

Guilford County had no better citizen than W. L. Kivett, he was loyal and true to the best interests of his county and State.

His neighbors will sadly miss him, for he was ever ready to extend the helping hand to those in distress and affliction.

While Brother Kivett had the many virtues mentioned, yet it was in his Christian life that his character shows to the best advantage. He was faithful and true to his church and to every good word and work. His church-life was beautiful, rarely ever missing a service, night or day, though his home was two miles from his church. He not only gave his presence, but he gave liberally of his money for the support of his church and to the various objects of the Baptist State Convention. He was liberal as a Christian man, helping the unfortunate.

He was a deacon in his church for several years and here he rendered quiet but efficient service. He loved his pastor and was ever ready to hold up his hands in prayer and financial aid. His pastor and church loved him and will miss his presence and service so much. Truly a good man has fallen in Israel.

On the last morning of his life he seemed unusually happy and cheerful, singing snatches of spiritual songs as he moved about his work and a few minutes later departed to be with Jesus.

The writer of this sketch knew Brother Kivett more than twenty-five years and regarded him as one of his best and dearest friends and so pens this short sketch with a sad heart because of his personal loss.

May the Head of the Church comfort the sad hearts left to mourn our brother's sudden and untimely departure.—Thos Carrick, High Point, N. C.

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Yorkville	"	8:29	
Gastonia	"	9:14	3:10pm
Gastonia	"		
Lincolnton	"	10:15	06
Newton	"	10:50	5:02
Hickory	"	11:40	5:35
Lenoir	"	12:45pm	6:33
Lenoir	"		
Mortimer	"		7:54
Edgmont	"		8:05
Southbound		No. 9 Pass.	No. 7 Mixed Ex. Sun
Edgmont	Ly.		6:45am
Mortimer	"		6:53
Lenoir	"	15:0pm	
Lenoir	"		6:02
Hickory	"	2:45	9:05
Newton	"	3:18	9:30
Lincolnton	"	3:53	10:05
Gastonia	"	4:40	10:23
Gastonia	"	5:00	10:55
York	"	5:46	
Chester	"	6:35	

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Foreign Missions.—Cumberland Association, \$2.00; Western Pong, 2.48; B. Y. P. U., Rocky Mount, 10.00; Creekville, 15.00; First Elizabeth City, \$25.00. Total this week, \$54.48. Previously reported, \$53.32. Total this year, \$508.30.

Home Missions.—Cumberland Association, \$2.00; Creekville, 13.00; First Elizabeth City, 29.25. Total this week, \$46.25. Previously reported, \$258.12. Total this year, \$304.37.

Education.—Cumberland Association, \$1.00. Previously reported, \$384.46. Total this year, \$884.46.

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sized this great lesson, even before it was capable of understanding other obligations, in His dealing with Cain and Abel. So He would have us properly fix the lessons of stewardship as elemental and fundamental in our true life plans.

What Would Be An Adequate System for the Individual or the Church to Adopt?

In the first place it would have to meet the true law of stewardship. We shall never plan adequately and wisely until we have entered fully upon God's plan. His sovereign rights must be acknowledged with reverence to the Creature, and the things created. If He claims nothing, then we are under no obligation, but if He has made any claim it is all just and due from the creature, and the law is inevitable in the life plan of the creature. Our neglect of it, or denial of it, does not change the condition and the judgment attendant upon its neglect.

Let me contend that we need, one and all, to enter the study of God's law of stewardship with a design to find His ultimate will and do it.

The plan will have to do with our methods of producing or achieving funds, and of its disbursement. The church should make its plea for all offerings in terms of the Kingdom, and then be as wise in their disbursements to the varied claims of the Kingdom. This will broaden the individual's sympathy for the work of evangelism and social service, and satisfy him in the sacrifice he is called upon to make.

An adequate system will reach the entire membership of the church. This is Biblical and it is reasonable and sane. "Upon the first day of the week let each one of you lay by him in store as he may be prospered." No church can reach efficiency in a financial method that fails to reach every member of the church.

Again, the method must secure systematic giving from each member. "Upon the first day of the week . . . As God has prospered." The same amount given irregularly does not amount to the same in sanctified service. Nothing atones for a failure here. We must give regularly and proportionately.

This will secure another righteous advantage, i. e., that of equalizing the burdens of the work, "For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not. For I mean not that other men be eased, and ye burdened, etc." A law must be found that equalizes the burdens and yet includes all classes in the plan before it can satisfy the demands of a just God.

It must carry with its physical activity the essence of real and vital worship. Abel brought a faithful steward's part and laid it before the landlord on a heart-altar and it was lifted up. Cain failed in both elements and his gift was not accepted. So it may be believed that many others have failed and do fail.

The sting of appeals for sacrifice is largely lost when the sacrifice is made a matter of true worship.

Then the plan must include a symmetrical distribution of gifts. As long as selfishness on the part of applying our gifts shall make us leave out of account the things that are needed in Kingdom building machinery, we may expect the disfavor of a just Landlord. A good farmer cleans up the hedges, keeps open the ditches and applies a faithful quantity of fertilizers as well as to cultivate the soil and sow the seed. It is the neglected parts that spoil the whole. Every phase of the work of the Kingdom should have a just part of the funds distributed. Systematic and symmetrical giving are Siamese

twins in the law of Christian stewardship.

Now, to fill these simple axioms of the law of stewardship the plan must provide that a just proportion of even the "widow's mite" can find its way into all the fields of service. Every device should put its proportionate service in the whole program of church work. This is just and reasonable and the lack of a system that has assured this has kept the small gifts out of service and discouraged the use of the Bible plan of giving.

The writer of this article does not claim to have solved this complex problem, nor does he hope to be able to say the last word on the subject, but for six years he has been trying to work out in a practical way a plan that comprehends all the requirements named above.

In a subsequent paper I shall state in simple form what the plan is. I hope others who have operated plans that have worked well will give, through the Recorder, the benefit of their experiences, and so let us begin in very earnestness a righteous solution of this perplexing problem.

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Hail to our Fellow Quill-Drivers, and blessings upon them every one! Looking backward and, looking forward here at the round up of the old year and-at the beginning of the new, we take a fresh look at some of the valued periodicals on our exchange table.

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"Dear teacher, give me a new leaf," he said.
"I have spoiled this one."
In place of the old leaf stained and blotched
I gave him a new one all unspotted,
And into his troubled eyes I smiled
Do better now, my child."

"I went to the Throne with grieving soul
The old year was done.
"Dear Father, hast Thou a new leaf for me?
I have spoiled this one."
He took the old leaf stained and blotched
And gave me a new one all unspotted,
And into my soul he smiled
Do better now, my child."

—Selected.

"RESOLUSHUNS."

Once't ther' was a 'litle boy—
What maked some resolushuns,
On New Year's day—at he would stop

A-bein' sech a "Noo-sanse."
He sed, he'd start in takin' bafs
Without drivin' to it;
He sed, he'd go to bed at night
Soon as he's telled to do it.
An' arter this he'd stick to trufe,
An' never tell a fib;
He never more'd put a frog
In baby-sister's crib;
He'd never take the cookie box
When Cook had jus' fresh tilled it;
He'd always say "at it was him
Took Muvver's clone, an' spilled it."

He'd let the poor cat live in peace,
No more fill grand'dad's pipe wif grease;

He'd quit a-teasing 'litle girls
Wif catty-pillars in their curls.
When Sister's best beau comes to call

He'd never hide—an' tell—a-tall;
He'd never climb on kitchen roofs
To hide his Granny-ma's false toofs;
He'd never take Aunt Belle's gold puffs,

An' stuff 'em in her new beau's cuffs.
Green apples? No, he'd never steal.
Nor monkey wif Big Bruvver's wheel;

He'd clean his teef, an' scrub his neck

An' never sulk the leastes' speck,
When comp'ny comes an' he's help-ed last,

Folks'll forget his naughty past.

These resolushuns, when he maked 'em,

He meanted to keep—but oh, he broke'd 'em!

So now he says: "Folks, do not fear!

I'll make a bran' new set—Nex' Year."

—Margaret G. Hayes.

A NEW YEAR MEDITATION.

"It is a time for meditation," someone has said, "when the new year comes." It is. The Romans pictured Janus, the god of the new year, as having two faces; the one was old and turned toward the past, the other fresh and youthful and looked toward the future. Intuitively at the beginning of the year we turn both toward the past and future, and both alike enlist earnest thought in those who think at all. The past has gone with all that has pertained to it. It "is a sort of river of passing events, and strong is its current." So strong, so swift, so mas-

terful is that current that nothing returns of that which has fallen into it. It has taken our blessings and all we can do is to follow them with our gratitude. It has seized upon our mistakes, and happy are we if nothing is left of them but a desire on our part to avoid such in the future. It has borne upon its bosom our faults, and we may be grateful if for such we have received forgiveness. It has made its own our efforts, imperfect always, little often, and all we can do as we exclaim "Vale! Vale!" to them as they disappear is to wish for another chance.

Well, another chance is given to us in the dawning of a new year. Janus has a young face and it is suffused with hope as it is turned toward the future. We often say, if I had my life to live over again, I would do so differently. In a measure we may live it over again. The old book is closed, and a new one opens. January is closely linked with December; and yet it bears a different aspect. That is old, this is young. We may with Tennyson exclaim therefore, "Ring out the old; Ring in the new." We may arise and stand upon our feet, and turn our backs upon the record that has been made, and our faces toward the new day that has dawned. We may take another hitch in the girdle about our loins and determine on a new energy in the fresh race opening before us.

This writer does not much care for New Year resolutions. They are quite apt to be like the cloud that vanishes as we look at it, or as the name in the sand which the next incoming wave will wash away. We can do this, however, at the incoming of the year; we can say, for blessings we will be more grateful. In ministry we will seek to be more abundant. Our mistakes we will try to have less glaring, and our faults less in quantity and in bulk. Our omissions we will endeavor to diminish, and our commissions to multiply; but to do so we must utilize each day as it passes. Emerson says: "Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year. No man has learned anything rightly until he knows that every day is doomsday." Yes, each day is doomsday if we think or yield to temptation or consciously do aught mean or unworthy of us. Each day, on the other hand, is a day of reward if we manfully face it and yield to its demands in God's name and for his sake. Let us turn toward the future that the new year heralds then with a cheerful optimism, and optimism that is because our faith grips the fact of a trend everywhere toward the best, and because we believe that he who has led us hitherto will lead us to the end.—Baptist Commonwealth.

A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION.

Mother says that making New Year resolutions is a good, old-fashioned habit that ought not be dropped. She says living all the year is like singing without a piano, and that New Year's resolutions are like striking the note to bring you up to key again.

So, on this last night of the year, I am writing mine in my diary. Here it is in black and white: "Resolved, in 1916, to be a rose instead of a thistle."

I don't like being a thistle, and I didn't know till tonight I was one. Carrie Carter and I were in a corner at Judy Sheppard's party, and we heard Doctor Colville say to Mr. Sheppard that all girls were divided—like all Gaul—into three parts: roses, pale little wayside asters, and thistles.

He went away then, and we wondered. Of course, Judy is a rose; we knew that at once. She just

glows without knowing it, and wherever she goes she carries fragrance and beauty and pleasure. Old people smile; fathers and mothers brighten up; children hang around her; all the girls are crazy about her, and the boys fall over each other to get her first for a partner.

Carrie is the wayside aster. She said herself she was, and I politely said no. But she is. She doesn't prick, but she never glows. She's so quiet and reserved that people forget she's in a room. No one ever misses her when she isn't there, and when she is they interrupt her in the middle of a sentence and she fades out of sight again. Everyone likes her, but no one considers her. She said roses are positives and wayside asters negatives; and she wondered if she started in to turn the corners of her mouth up instead of down and made her feet dance instead of drag, and let her voice sing instead of mumble, if she could Burbank herself into a rose. It was rather clever of her to think of that. I guess she could do it too.

But could a thistle do it? I didn't tell Carrie I am a thistle, but I knew it right away. I am sort of rough and blunt, and people just say, "Oh, it's only Sue; she doesn't mean anything." They like me in a way, but not as they do Judy. Who would? Nobody—except donkeys—likes thistles better than roses. And it isn't a very noble ambition to spend a lifetime growing to feed donkeys.

I wonder if I can change. I suppose that one can get cured of disposition as one can of measles, if one goes at it right. And maybe if I worked as hard to be gracious and considerate as I do over Latin verbs, I might get there. It's my resolution for 1916 anyway—to make a rose out of a thistle.

I've got go enough in me; no one denies that; I've read that a rose grafted on a wild stock makes the strongest kind. So I start in on New Year morning grafting. I mean garden-grafting, not politics.

When you come to think of it, being blunt and flatfooted is really only a narrow selfishness that won't look from other people's viewpoints or recognize their attitudes and privileges.

I'll begin in my own family. I'll think every morning: "If I were grandmother, wouldn't I like a granddaughter who stopped to talk to me and cuddle me sometimes? If I were father, wouldn't I like a daughter who looked after my comfort a little and was companionable? If I were mother, wouldn't I choose a daughter who is more like Judy than like me? And if I were the kids—well, I'm sure I wouldn't pick me out for a big sister."

And the boys and girls too, I really wonder they like me at all. It looks different when you look at it from the other person's standpoint.

Why's that's funny. It's only the Golden Rule, in its working out, and you can Burbank the worse case of thistle into a beautiful, fragrant rose!—Our Juniors.

There is help in the still places of life, its retreats, its withdrawals for communion with God and one's own soul. Bereavement is one of the still places of life; disappointment is another; pain is another. Every time of trial, every time of spiritual awakening, is a time of withdrawal for the soul, when it meets with the angel of God and wrestles with him for a blessing. It is in the still places of life that we learn more perfectly God's will concerning us.—James Buckham.

Merely reading the Bible is no use at all without we study it thoroughly, and hunt through it, as it were, for some great truth.—D. L. Moody.

Spice Box

Leah was having her first lessons in punctuation. On her return from school she explained to her brother that a period was a dot, and a comma was a period that had sprouted.

Pastor (from the pulpit): "The collection which we took up today is for the savages of Africa. The trouser buttons which some of the brethren have dropped in the plate are consequently useless."

A tired little boy sat on the curb with his chin resting in his hands.

"I wish I was rich," he exclaimed. "What would you do with the money if you were rich?" asked one of his playmates.

"I'd buy a great big motor car," answered the little chap, "so I could fly my kite out of the back of it without running my legs off."

A prominent school principal lately told us some of the answers found in pupils' examination papers. Here are three of them: "What is a volcano?" "A volcano is a mountain that sometimes blows the equator off." "What is the difference between a mountain and a hill?" "A hill is like a mountain, only a mountain is a little more hillier." "What became of the locusts of Pharaoh's time?" "John the Baptist ate them."

In New York a new teacher found that a little negro girl was named Fertilizer Johnson. "Are you sure that Fertilizer is your right name?" she asked. "Yes, ma'am," replied the little girl. "Well, tell your mother to come here," said the teacher. The mother came the next day. "Yes; Fertilizer is right," she said. "You see, I named her after her father and mother both. Her father's name is Ferdinand, and my name is Liza; so we called her Fertilizer."

Little Mildred is in her first term at school where she gets reports as to her standing marked on a decimal scale. One hundred is perfect, and sixty is pretty serious. The other night while saying her evening prayers, her spirits, always high, were actually irrepressible, and her petition was punctuated with snickers and smothered giggles.

"Do you think the Lord will like that kind of a prayer?" asked her mother reproachfully.

"Nope," retorted Mildred glibly. "Not much! He'll gimme 'bout sixty on that!"

Ex-Congressman Littleton told the story of a railway that was built through an obscure part of the West, where no railway had ever had the hardihood to venture before. On the day the first engine ran over the line with its train, the engineer, on pulling out from a small way station, discovered that a country boy was riding a horse between the rails a short distance ahead.

The engineer sounded his whistle again and again, but the rider only lashed his horse into a gallop, and made no effort to turn off into the farm lands that flanked the right of way. At the end of a mile-long chase, the engine was so close upon the laboring horse that the cowcatcher almost touched his heels. The pestered engineer leaned out of his cab window and yelled:

"You idiot! Why don't you get off the track?"

Over his shoulder the frightened youth flung back a desperate retort: "Naw, sir. Ef you git me out yander in that thar ploughed ground you'll ketch me in a minute!"