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FUND TO SUPPLY INDIGENT WHITE BAPTIST PREACHERS WITH THE RECORDER.

There are very many of our ministers throughout the State unable to subscribe for the RECORDER, and are anxious to receive it. Many of these we are supplying on our own account, but cannot furnish them all. To give our friends who may feel inclined to do so an opportunity of aiding in this cause we offer the RECORDER for such minister at \$1.00 per annum. Friends sending funds for this purpose can name the minister they wish to receive the paper or leave that to us.

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RETURNED MISSIONARIES.

"Let it be understood that any one going out under the auspices of our Foreign Mission Board, must remain at least ten years, and that if he or she return in less time than that, the Board will not be responsible for the expenses of this trip."—A. E. Owen.

How much money might have been saved by the Government during our late war if Congress had only passed a law that all soldiers sent to the front should remain on the field until the term of their enlistment had expired, that all who might be wounded or taken ill should be forbidden the use of Government transports, and should pay their own passage to their homes. Whether such a policy would lead us to volunteer for such service, and whether it would not tend to make men take care of their own health rather than to let the enemy be another question.

—Rev. R. H. Graves in Religious Herald.

To our mind there are no points of comparison in the sending out of a missionary and the enlistment of a soldier.

We believe in a call to the ministry. We believe still more in the call of missionaries to foreign fields. Unless God calls a man to preach the gospel it is vain and sinful for him to attempt to preach. Unless God calls the missionary to the foreign field as he did Judson and some others, it is useless and expensive for Boards to send him there. Mere volunteers, however healthy, can do no good and the sooner all such return to America the better.

Either Bro. Graves is mistaken or we are very much behind the age. So far as we understand the design of the Foreign Mission Board, it was organized for the purpose of aiding such men as God had called to the work in foreign lands, in reaching their fields of labor and sustaining them there. It has never, in our estimation, degenerated into an enrolling office or a State cabinet. These we know select men for certain reasons, often known only to themselves, and send them out for certain definite purposes. They also hold them to strict account for the performance of the duties assigned them. Neither of these is true of a Mission Board. God selects and calls the man to the work, and the Board merely furnishes a way for him to go and do as God has bidden him. While in the field, he is left to his own sense of duty. However, if it is as Bro. Graves understands it, and he certainly ought to know all about it, the great inefficiency of the foreign work is accounted for. The hardships of mission fields are things of the past. The mission in Rome is the most delightful and desirable field of labor in the world.

Col. J. J. Hickman, of Kentucky, the great temperance orator and chief head of the Good Templars throughout the world, has recently placed his two sons at Blenheim School, attended chiefly by the total abstinence devotees, in a most fully maintained institution, but in no other school as we know North or South— which sends its sons in a most interesting manner to the State, and among the most prominent men.

Bethel Academy, Va., we are pleased to learn, has opened with over a hundred students on the ground and others on the way. This is the largest male boarding school in Virginia, and is largely patronized by citizens of our State.

Minutes of the Mt. Zion Association are ready for delivery, and the checks of the churches will be supplied on application at this office.

Delegation and visitors to the N. C. Baptist State Convention who expect to attend the same, are requested to call on November 10th at the residence of Mr. J. T. Womble, Durham, N. C., at once.

A SUGGESTIVE SNEER.

"If 'Angels don't lie,' the tendency to backslide is exceedingly prevalent in the only 'gospel church' in America. During a series of seven years the 'examinations' from the Baptist denomination have exceeded the deaths by from 4,000 to 9,000 a year. During nine years, from 1867 to 1876 inclusive (comprising 1871), the deaths numbered 95,250 and the excommunications 122,120. It looks as if one-half the members of the Baptist Church are unconverted, and this result is chargeable in part, at least, to the impudence and haste of evangelists to have their 'converts' baptized in every field of labor before they start for the next field. It sounds well for the evangelist to be able to count his 'converts' by hundreds even if the work has to be done over a dozen times after him."

We find the above paragraph in the New York Herald's Sunday edition. That it is written and published as a sneer at the Baptist denomination is clear. But it is both wise and prudent to learn wisdom of our enemies and in this instance the Herald has done the denomination a service. Some of our brethren are awake to the real danger before us, and are slowly awakening, while the great body of our leaders are either profoundly asleep or indifferent to our fate. In our last issue we published our views of this important matter, and as best we could pointed out the real danger threatening the church's prosperity. On the first page of this paper we present the views of one of the most experienced and useful pastors in the eastern part of the State. We rather think the writer of the paragraph in the New York Herald has traced the cause of our mourning to one of its main sources, "the impatience and haste of the evangelists to have their converts baptized in every field of labor before they start for the next field. It sounds well for the evangelist to be able to count his 'converts' by hundreds even if the work has to be done over a dozen times after him."

This is to some extent true of the ordinary protracted meetings. The becoming a Christian or the conversion of a human soul is not a work of a moment or of a day either. That the sense of pardon—the peace found in believing in the Lord Jesus Christ—is sudden and instantaneous we admit. But the steps that at last, under the direction of the Divine Spirit, lead to this joyful hour, are long, dark and tedious. Thousands can testify that for years they were penitent seekers of religion, and that after every human means and effort had been used, when lost and ruined, God for Christ's sake enabled them to believe and trust in Jesus Christ as their Saviour. They were dead in trespasses and sins and Christ, in his abundant mercy raised them from the dead. Such Christians seldom, if ever, are carried away with the pleasures of the world. They have pleasures that the world can neither give nor take away.

We are not opposed to protracted meetings. They are serviceable in bringing the members of a church together, and afford an opportunity for those who are truly penitent to find encouragement and instruction in the way to Christ. In nearly every community there are some burdened, anxious enquirers after life and peace. In many instances they have wept and prayed alone. They have told no one of their condition; yet their constant prayer is, "O, that I knew where I might find him," "God be merciful to me a sinner." To such an one a protracted meeting would be a blessing inasmuch as it furnishes an opportunity for a confession of sin, and also enlists the sympathies and prayers of the church in the penitent's behalf. When such meetings are used to excite the thoughtless and impatient to a profession of faith, or are used as forcing machines in the work of conversion, they are evil and evil only. That this is the use made of them, at times at least, cannot be questioned. Men and women are persuaded to profess conversion, are even told that they are converted, in the first moments of conviction and are hurried into the churches almost against their judgments and their inclinations. There is nothing compulsory about the religion of Christ. Each disciple should be led of the Spirit only, and each member of a church should be a volunteer in the service of the Master. Let each be fully persuaded in his own mind.

Rev. T. W. Mason, of Newbury, N. C., has been unanimously called to the pastorate of the church in Fayetteville, N. C. The Gazette gives a glowing account of the sermon he preached during his visit to the church. Bro. E. is a fine preacher and pastor and we would be delighted to have him settle in North Carolina.

Rev. Dr. N. W. Wilson, the popular pastor of the church in New Orleans, after spending two months in Raleigh, N. C., leaves for home on the 10th instant. Dr. Wilson is one of the most distinguished pulpit orators in the South and has hundreds of friends and admirers among our readers.

We return our thanks to Col. L. F. Felt, the able Commissioner of Agriculture, for a box of grapes. Last week Bro. H. Barker sent us a most useful and interesting book.

We return our thanks to Capt. O. B. Jensen, the efficient Secretary of the State Agricultural Society for a ticket to the Fair.

THE SANDY CREEK ASSOCIATION.

Owing to the hard rain on Thursday we failed to reach Fall Creek Church until Friday afternoon. We found the Association organized and busily at work.

Rev. S. Gilmore, Moderator, and Rev. J. W. Calder, Clerk; Bro. Andrew Treasurer and Historian.

The high water in Deep River prevented many of the people and delegates from reaching the church until near the close of the session. The churches generally were represented, however, and the business of the Association was transacted with spirit and unanimity. The reports were well received and ably discussed, more of the laymen than usual taking part in the proceedings. The future of the Association was never brighter. We were specially pleased to meet Bro. E. C. Crutcheff. His lamp is trimmed and burning, ready for the bridegroom's coming even though it be at the midnight hour. It is a privilege to be in his presence. His words of counsel to his brethren as well as his absorbing interest in all that pertained to the church's prosperity and the Master's glory, visibly influenced the session of the body for good. We also very much enjoyed seeing brethren Smith, Gilmore, Murchison, Lawton, Moore, Hackney, King, Calder and Watson. One of our anticipated pleasures was to meet the brethren of Cool Spring and Carthage.

On Saturday quite a large crowd was present. Brethren G. P. Moore and W. H. H. Lawton preached at the stand to large and attentive audiences.

On Sabbath all the people came out to meeting. The writer, with brethren Gilmore and Lawton were appointed to preach to them. We never addressed a more attentive audience. Our business arrangements compelled us to leave the meeting immediately after the morning services. We were 32 miles away from the depot and had to reach it by 4 o'clock next morning. In no trip that we have yet taken, have we been so forced to impose upon the kindness and generosity of our brethren. But we found whole-souled men ready to put themselves to a great deal of inconvenience for the accommodation of a troubled traveler. At Egypt we were met by Brother Claudius Murchison and taken to the Gulf. After spending an hour with the family of his father, Rev. D. C. Murchison, in a carriage with his good lady, we took the long ride of 16 miles to Fall Creek. On this journey we passed the splendid farm of Bro. B. B. Stinson. It would be well for the farmers within 20 miles of him to visit him regularly and take lessons in enriching land and raising hogs. On our return we spent half hour in Bro. S. B. Stinson's home, and with a basket of provisions and a quantity of lightwood young Bro. Stinson started with us for Sanford. Night overtook us while in the dark swamps of Deep River, but we continued the journey, and by the aid of our headlight steered clear of the many rocks and holes in our way. By 9 o'clock we reached Bro. S. Westphalen's, the home of traveling preachers, near Sanford and greatly enjoyed the hearty welcome and good fire awaiting us. There are many hard trials and disagreeable experiences that fall to an editor that travels about, but they are more than compensated for by the whole-souled brotherly greetings and the Christian kindnesses shown him by such brethren as we have mentioned. They make us think better of human nature, and inspire us with love for God's people.

We heard only two of the good sermons preached. One by Rev. G. P. Moore, the other by Rev. W. G. King. Rev. D. Hackney preached the introductory sermon before we arrived. From what we heard, it was very appropriate to the occasion, and calculated to do much good.

Diphtheria was raging in Fall Creek section. Two or three little children died during our short stay. Bro. Gilmore, the Moderator of the Association, was sent for on Saturday night. His daughter, a grown young lady was ill with the fearful disease. We all truly sympathized with him.

The session continued on Monday, when delegates were to be appointed to the State Convention, the Treasurer's report rendered, and the time and place of next session arranged.

Yours truly, FREDERICK DODSON.

Let my friends bring mission money to the Eastern Association.

BIBLICAL RECORDER: Foreign Mission Journal; Kind Words. At all our Associations in North Carolina, and at all our Union Meetings this year, special efforts should be made for the above papers. Our young members are dying and our young men are coming to the front. They will be missionaries to our Associations, clerks and deacons for our churches. They must be posted on the cause we suffer. People say they have no money. When they send their cotton to market let them send enough money for these papers.

E. DODSON.

ASSOCIATIONS.

Brier Creek Association.

PLEASANT GROVE CHURCH, Wilkes County, September 23, 1877.

The 25th session of the Brier Creek Association convened with Pleasant Grove church in Wilkes county.

Pleasant Grove church, as the name indicates, is pleasantly located in the midst of a nice oak grove. The house, 38 by 28 feet, is entirely new, neatly upholstered with red velvet, and has a fine view of the surrounding country.

Rev. W. A. Myers, the beloved pastor, is a faithful laborer in the Master's cause, and we are made to believe that he is laboring with a people who are willing to help him in the great work.

Both pastor and people gave the messengers of the various churches a cheerful welcome.

At last session, Rev. W. F. Gray was appointed to preach the introductory sermon for this meeting, which he did to the satisfaction of all who heard him.

Afternoon Session.

Rev. E. W. Wooten, Moderator of last session, called the body to order and conducted the opening exercises. Rev. E. N. Gwyn, the Clerk of last session, called the roll of the churches and enrolled the messengers.

Rev. W. Wooten was re-elected Moderator, and E. N. Gwyn, Clerk. New Hope church, Wilkes county, was received into the fellowship of this body.

After inviting visiting brethren to seats, the usual committees on business were appointed.

Rev. E. N. Gwyn presents the claims of the RECORDER.

Adjourned until Monday morning 9 o'clock. Prayer by Elder W. G. Brown.

Sunday Morning.

Prayer meeting at 9 o'clock, conducted by S. S. Goforth. W. F. Adams preached at 10 o'clock, followed by W. G. Brown at 11. These aged fathers preached in their usual impressive manner, greatly to the satisfaction of all who heard them. A collection was taken for missions, amounting to \$9.

After refreshment S. D. Brown, from the Yadkin Association, preached in a very able manner to a large and attentive audience. Adjourned until early candle lighting.

Night Services.

T. W. Paris preached a very instructive sermon, followed by an exhortation from Elison Myers.

Monday Morning.

After singing and prayer the body was called to order by the Moderator.

The report on missions was presented by Rev. W. G. Brown. Remarks by Rev. W. F. Gray and W. A. Myers. During the remarks many of the good brethren came forward and contributed liberally to the missionary cause.

The report on Sabbath Schools was read by W. F. Gray. The report was a most interesting one, and was followed by a report from Rev. E. W. Gwyn, Sabbath School evangelist of last year.

Afternoon Session.

Report on education was presented by Bro. James H. Foote. The committee highly recommended the Moral Falls Academy, under the control of Rev. G. W. Greene and Mr. J. T. Spainhour, as a school possessing many educational advantages. The body was also pleasantly addressed by James H. Foote, an able and distinguished scholar.

The committee on periodicals considered religious newspapers one of the most important instrumentalities for the proper training of the young; therefore they recommended the BIBLICAL RECORDER, the organ of our denomination in this State, published at Raleigh, N. C., also Kind Words, published at Gaston, N. C., and the Sabbath School. Rev. W. G. Brown argues the messengers of the various churches to see that their pastors have the RECORDER to read.

The Clerk was allowed his salary and instructed as to the printing of the minutes.

Vote of thanks was tendered the members of Pleasant Grove church and the good citizens of the community for their kindness and hospitality during the present session.

Rev. T. W. Paris was appointed to preach the introductory sermon at next session.

On motion, adjourned to meet with Oak Grove church, Yadkin county, on Saturday before the next Sabbath in September, 1878.

Owing to the want of time and space much of the important work of the present session has been omitted.

W. W. GENTRY.

Mt. Zion Association.

The Union meeting of the Mt. Zion Association convened at Mount Gilboa according to previous appointment.

The attendance was thin on Friday in consequence of the rain. Seven churches were represented. Bro. E. Dodson was with us. There were three queries discussed:

1. Ought we not to do more for missions by prayer and contributions than we have done?

Elder E. Dodson led the discussion and was followed by Elders Wilson and Moore, and Bro. Garner and Howard.

2. Ought not every church to have a Sunday School and prayer meeting and should not every member of each church manifest an interest in them?

Elder Wilson led, followed by Elder A. Patterson.

3. Should not every church encourage our denominational papers, the BIBLICAL RECORDER, Kind Words, and the Foreign Mission Journal?

After the discussion of this query, Elder Wilson presented the claims of the RECORDER, and obtained seven subscribers for three months. On Sunday Bro. Dodson preached a mission sermon and collected \$11.

next Union will meet at Chapel Hill, on Friday before the 5th Sunday in December. Elder Patterson is to preach the introductory sermon, and Elder J. H. Vernon the missionary sermon on Sunday.

J. C. W.

Dear Young Readers of the Recorder:

Three-fourths of the year is gone, and we have only three short months in which to furnish our work for the year. What have we done? What are we doing? What can we do before the time is out?

Our old friend, the Sunday School Board, has given every one opportunity for doing something for missions, and while many have done all they are able to do, many more have fallen short of duty. It is too late for such to labor! We read that the Master hired laborers into his vineyard early in the morning, and sent them out to do his work. He did not wait until the eleventh hour, and by your cheerful earnestness make up for lost time as much as possible!

Under the direction of the Sunday School Board our dear Little Leaders have labored with pleasure and profit for the missionary cause at home and abroad. Their commissions have been carried out in a noble way, and through their efforts many a dime and half dime have been saved from folly, fashion and sin. That sounds strangely, does it not? But did you ever consider what might have gone with all those dimes and stray pennies, if they had not been gathered up by the blessed Missionary Society? Is it not natural to suppose that they might have been spent for candy and toys, ruffs, scarfs and such trifles as young ladies indulge in so freely without ever thinking that a few small items amount to a good deal? Then it is pleasant to think that some of it has been redeemed from the pollution of sin, and has been used for the good of the world.

Oh! if we only could redeem all from that dark wave of pollution that threatens to overflow our country! Then the heathen would not "sit in darkness" for want of funds to support missionaries and furnish books. Sunday Schools would not languish and die in our dear old State for the lack of good books and papers to keep them alive. A host of masters would not have to go in debt for family supplies, and wear rusty clothes to the Association. Dear young reader, if you have just commenced to take a little drink, "once in awhile" you may think for your "stomach's sake," stop it!

Other things will do you more good as medicine, and will not fasten on you a habit that "at the last, biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder."

But I was writing mainly to the Little Leaders. As memory goes back to the early spring time and brings before me the grateful look and cheerful smile with which each commission was received, I wonder if those young persons would be as grateful to receive a higher commission, that might involve more labor, more sacrifice, more patience. On the left side of your commission is: "Let us consider one another, to provoke unto love and good works." You may see in that text the spirit of this matter, a consideration to increase your love and good works, not to make you satisfied in having done the little service. Be thankful for the commission, and for the opportunity of doing something for Him who has done so much for you, but keep praying and looking for other opportunities, and though they appear small and unworthy, do every thing with an eye single to the glory of God. Remember, "He that is faithful in that which is least, is faithful also in that which is much." In pursuance of this subject, copy a beautiful little poem from an old Herald. Little Leaders are of as much service as Little Leaders.

M. E. D.

My friends, N. C.

THE ONLY REMEDY.

THE RECORDER's editorial of the 10th inst., entitled "The Real Danger," that threatens the purity and stability of our churches; and which closes with the declaration that "a converted church is the only remedy for the ill that threatens us," is to the point in our minds, and we are very anxious to get men and women into the water, rather than to be sure that their souls are regenerated by the Holy Spirit, we shall find the evils complained of to increase instead of decreasing, and our churches becoming more and more infested with the "dead" element.

"We must be born again," is the inextinguishable "King eternal, immortal and invisible," and no amount of ceremonial or symbolic washing, nor a lifetime of duties performed either within or without the church, can ever produce this rebirth. "It is God who justifies, and he will not anything that man can do. Alas! how many even of the truly baptized make shipwreck of their supposed faith! The reason is because they were never 'born again.'"

Yet hold to the distinctive Baptist doctrine—"a converted church." W. B. HANRELL.

Hillsboro, N. C.

GRAHAM CHURCH.

Every church in the Mt. Zion Association should help pay for the Recorder, and should send money to the State Convention.

Let all the ladies in each church undertake it and success is certain. The heathen give to their religion about \$15 on every \$100 of their income. If we were to give in the same ratio to the true religion, we could build churches, send money to all our Boards, pay for the Recorder, Foreign Mission Journal and Kind Words, and send out missionaries to our Associations as well as to many other places.

E. DODSON.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

A man carrying a hand organ and a monkey came into a little town in the Western portion of this State. He produced a sensation as organ grinders generally do. Old men who had come from the country to buy a new hat and coffee turned aside for a moment to look at the strange thing; clerks came from behind the counters and all the colored people gathered thick and fast about the place. The man was a humbug, but just that sort of men generally succeed in attracting more attention and getting more money than any other. We wondered at first what it meant—this pushing and crowding to see.

Is Darwin right in saying that the monkey is near of kin to men? If so, it was not strange that they should desire to see their relative, especially some who had never seen this relative before. The monkey acted his part well and did not fail to attract attention. He seemed to do to do this, and men whose actions indicate that they are most closely related to this animal are generally most popular, it matters not where they appear. In a circus, the man who can be nearest a monkey has his ear deafened with applause. In religious meetings sometimes the man who can say most and accomplish the least, is the most popular. There is an element in human nature that nothing but the ridiculous will satisfy. Who ever heard of "Robinson's show" being a failure? In order to make this element available for good some churches have introduced charades, farces, &c., as means of obtaining money for benevolent objects. Sometimes also we saw circulars posted on the corners of the street. They were headed, Fun! Fun! Fun! The brilliant entertainment was to be closed with two splendid farces. Admission 25 cents, proceeds to be applied to charitable purposes. The attendance was large, they said, and the whole thing a success. We confidently expect to see the time when every church will advertise a chaplain to please the religious element, and some churches will have a clown to gratify the demands of our nature for the ludicrous. It will be a bad day for genuine religion, but the "religion of sham" will be never so prosperous.

H. A. BROW.

Aspen Grove, N. C., Oct. 2, 1878.

TO THE BAPTISTS OF THE SOUTH.

The Home Board, desirous of increasing the circulation of Kind Words, and thereby promoting its more extensive usefulness, sends forth this appeal to the churches of the South, to make a grand and united effort to introduce the paper into every Baptist family throughout the South. The brethren, and especially the Pastors and Sunday School Superintendents, are earnestly solicited to make vigorous and continued efforts in behalf of Kind Words, not only in all our Associational meetings, but in every church where there is a Sunday School. As a means of leading the young to Jesus and indoctrinating them with correct Bible principles, we can hardly overestimate such an agency as Kind Words; while its Bible lessons and its missionary inculcations are of great value and profit to our Sunday Schools, and productive of beneficial results in the home.

Now firmly established and widely disseminated, and a source of annual income to the Convention, it becomes us to foster this instrumentality for good, and still further extend its sphere of usefulness. The Board, therefore, cordially and confidently invites the co-operation of the entire denomination and its journals, in a further effort to extend the circulation of Kind Words; that its usefulness may be enhanced and its benefits more wide-spread. The price of the paper is: Weekly—Single copy, \$1; Clubs of ten or more, each 63 cents; Semi-monthly—Single copy, 75 cents; Clubs of ten or more, each 33 cents; Monthly—Single copy, 50 cents. Clubs of ten or more, each 10 cents. Clubs of fifty or more, each 40 cents. Home Board, at request of Home Board.

Wm. H. McMINN, Corresponding Sec.

A REQUEST.

While in the Sunday School work in vacation, over a hundred Baptists in the Cape Fear Association, as well as some in other Associations, promised they would subscribe for the RECORDER when they gathered their crops or when business brightened. Some of these brethren and sisters are of the forgotten kind, and as I cannot call them to mind, I am constrained to ask them to write to all of them, I would ask sister Stansel, at Allenton, to see those at Antioch, sister Flora McDermid, those at Lumberton, sister Fannie Minter, those at Whiteville, sister Minnie Powell, those at Fair Bluff, and sister J. E. I. Smith, those at New River. Almost all the RECORDER, so I will ask especially those who are in the Cape Fear Association who take it, to work and pray for its distribution until every Baptist home in North Carolina shall be gladdened by its weekly visits. I found some Baptists who had never heard the RECORDER mentioned. Let our standard of Christian usefulness be elevated, and let every Baptist in the Cape Fear Association bear how the RECORDER enlightens us and makes us happy. Sisters please remit money and names to Messrs. Edwards, Broughton & Co., Raleigh, N. C.

N. R. FITZPATRICK.

Dear Recorder:

While the words "delegate" and "messenger" are alluded to in your columns, I would state that the word messenger is more applicable, meaning one who sends, than the word delegate, which means one who represents.

In 2 Cor. vii, 23: "The Apostle speaks of certain brethren as 'messengers of the churches, and the glory of Christ.' And Phil. xi, 25, in speaking of one who brings the church next to Rome to bring assistance to Paul, the Apostle says, 'Your faith is enlarged, and he that ministered to you.'"

Nowhere in the Scriptures is the word delegate mentioned.

ENOCH N. GWYN.

Rtts, N. C.

REVIVAL NEWS.

Brooksville, Fla. We have just closed a meeting of ten days, held with Mount Pisgah and Shiloh churches, by Elder J. A. Leonard, assisted by Elder A. A. Edwards. It seemed that the churches were anxious for a refreshing season, and sinners became anxious that their souls be saved. Many were converted and made to rejoice in the forgiveness of their sins. The meeting was a copious shower all the way through. The result was fifty-three accessions to the churches. We give God all the glory.

LORENZO SELLERS.

Fender County.

Through all sections of the State we learn through the RECORDER that God is graciously visiting the churches with an outpouring of His Spirit. Thanks be to His holy name ours has not been overlooked. Saturday before the second Sabbath in August the writer commenced a meeting of ten days with churches at Bethlehem in Fender county; result twenty-eight conversions, one restored. At Haw Bluff in September, one conversion and eight penitents; at Moore's Creek twenty-two conversions, one restored. At the last place I had the efficient aid of Bro. Warren Gurganus and Bro. O. Elder. The meeting was a most refreshing season, and it is greatly to be regretted that he could not be placed in the hands of Dr. Broadnax for a season. This section has been singularly free from the intrusion of agents, not even the ubiquitous Bro. Dodson ever appearing. Bro. Griffith, upon the week of which it is recalled, effected a landing here and I am glad he did, for he exerted the expression: "The learned can explain the Scriptures better than the unlearned" from those who scooted the idea of education as help to the ministerial office. Bro. Griffith soon sped away leaving his work incomplete. Though it is no limitation on the work of the church, it is in the midst of rivers, yet it is no exception to the mandate given to nature, let the dry land appear; as there are rich alluvial deposits here, comparing in productivity favorably with any in the State. Here is the meeting of the waters sped from the mountains and the sluggish floods from the plains.

The highest strength breaks her banks and rushes with tilting speed upon Black River, which is called by passing raftsmen Lion's mouth and truly for here is their greatest peril on the passage to Wilmington. And here too is Kaccoon Island, tradition's wonder, which is the figure of a vessel said to be the wreck of a craft upon the wreck of which it is recalled, and remain as a perpetual monument of retributive justice against him who sunk lower than the grave. This section is visited tri weekly by steamer North East, Capt. R. Paddison, an urbane gentleman who merits the prayers of all ministers as he never changes them.

J. P. FAISON.

THE LANDMARK QUESTION SETTLED.

Messrs. Editors: In your "News and Notes" in the Herald of September 27th, I observe that some one calls on you in the following words: "Give me verse and chapter in the Bible which authorizes an exchange of pulpits with Pedobaptists." To this I reply, "It is next to the impossible in which the word pulpits occurs."

