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Editorial Brevities

A PARSONAGE—OR WHAT?

Among Baptists there is no one recognized term to designate the pastor's home which is church property. Many call it "parsonage;" some call it "pastorium;" and some call it merely "pastor's home." A new suggestion is given in the Religious Herald by Dr. J. M. Pilcher, who says: "If we Baptists desire to have a word of our own denoting the home of a minister, leaving rectory to the Episcopalians, manse to the Presbyterians, and parsonage to the Methodists, we find it in Walker's old dictionary, ministerial—residence of a minister—which does not smack of Rome and is good and old."

A DOWN HILL RUNAWAY.

A runaway on the level may escape accident, but a runaway down hill is likely to be disastrous. A dying stage driver in his delirium shouted: "I am on the down grade and I can't reach the brake!" There are men who on the levels of life let their evil inclinations run riot, and they may do so without apparent calamity. But when they reach the awful down-grade and their passions uncontrolled dash wild with the speed of the wind, and no brakes are at hand to check them—what then? Behold the disastrous end and beware of the insidious beginning!

CORKS AND LEADS.

In order to be fishers of men, we must have the right kind of character equipment. And in our character we will need elements as diverse and yet harmonious as the corks and leads used in the fisherman's net. The late Dr. Maltbie D. Babcock once said: "Did you ever see them fishing for mackerel on a New England coast? They have nets with corks and leads. If there were only corks, the net would float on the surface and drift away; if there were only leads, it would drop to the bottom and be useless. But with corks and leads properly balanced the net stands in its place and encloses a school of fish."

WILD BEASTS AND BAD MEN.

There is an element of weakness in bad men which even the wild beasts can clearly perceive. A celebrated trainer of wild animals says: "In some curious, incomprehensible way, wild animals know instinctively whether men are addicted to bad habits. It is one of the many problems that are beyond human understanding. For those who are in the least inclined to drink, or who live a loose life, a wild animal has neither fear nor respect. He despises them with all the contempt of his nature and recognizes neither their authority nor their superiority. If a man has begun to take just a little intoxicating liquor or has deviated from the straight road, animals will discover it long before his fellowmen. The quality in the trainer which dominates the animal nature within himself is precisely the quality which dominates the animals he trains. If he yields to the brute within him, no matter how little, his perfect poise and self-mastery are gone and the keen instinct of the wild beast recognizes this instantly. Brutes seem to understand man's degradation to their level, and his life is in danger every moment he is in their cage."

EXIT: THE CHAUTAUQUA SALUTE.

The Chautauqua Salute, once so popular and considered an especial mark of appreciation, is happily to be soon a thing of the past. We have learned that our handkerchiefs are filled with germs which, when thus held aloft and waved through the air, scatter innumerable seeds of disease and death throughout the audience. For this very substantial reason, let no one, however appreciative, propose anywhere, though the audience be in the open air, the germ-scattering, disease-breeding, and death-inviting Chautauqua Salute!

A RIVER STEAMER'S PATH OF SAFETY.

There is danger in familiarity with danger, and playing with peril is itself colossal peril. There is an old story which carries an important lesson which every generation and every individual needs to learn. Said a young man to the captain of a steamer: "If you have been upon these waters twenty-five years, you must know every rock and sand bank in the river." Said the wise old captain to the inexperienced young man: "No, I don't, but I know where the deep water is!" It is good to know the path of safety, and it is even better to follow it faithfully.

SICKNESS AND DEPENDENCY.

The Russell Sage Foundation made some time ago an investigation among wage-earners and charity organizations in New York City in order to discover how far sickness is a factor in dependency. They found that "over 35 per cent of those in need of aid had been brought to this position through sickness or the responsibility for sickness." It was also ascertained and recommended that "the prevention of sickness is the most effective blow against poverty and dependency." There is poverty as well as pain in illness, and certainly every preventable disease should be prevented.

BILLY SUNDAY'S SIMPLE RULES.

It is said that Billy Sunday, the famous evangelist, has faithfully kept the three rules which an old man, putting his hands upon Sunday's shoulders when he was first converted, enjoined upon him: "William, there are three simple rules I can give you, and if you hold on to them, no one will ever write 'backslider' after your name. Take fifteen minutes each day to listen to God talking to you through His Word. Take fifteen minutes each day to talk to God. Take fifteen minutes each day to talk to others about God." Would it not be well if every life were governed by these simple rules?

ROTHSCHILD'S ROAD TO WEALTH.

A man who has trodden the road to success ought to be able to point out the way to others. The following counsel from Baron Rothschild ought to be worth something to those who are anxious to achieve success: "Carefully examine every detail of your business. Be prompt in everything. Take time to consider, then decide quickly. Dare to go forward. Bear your troubles patiently. Maintain your integrity as a sacred thing. Never tell business lies. Make no useless acquaintances. Never try to appear something more than you are. Pay your debts promptly. Learn how to risk your money at the right time. Shun strong liquor. Employ your time well. Do not reckon upon chance. Be polite to everybody. Never be discouraged. Then work hard and you will succeed."

A GOOD WORD FOR SLEEPY DEACONS.

Instead of being either sad or severe with the deacons who occasionally take a nap while he is preaching, the senior Baptist pastor in Richmond, Va., years ago told Editor Pitt that the godliest and most lovable deacons in his large group were those who slept—occasionally, at least—during his sermons. "He had a theory," says Dr. Pitt "that the disposition to get drowsy under favoring conditions indicated a good digestion, a clear conscience, confidence in the minister, and several other things characteristic of a soul at peace with the 'world and the rest of mankind.'"

MENTAL IMPURITY.

It is more important to keep the mind clean than it is to keep the body clean. Truly spoke the Great Apostle: "To be carnally minded is death." Mr. Marden tells us that there are multitudes of people who break the seventh commandment mentally who are injured practically as much as if they had broken it physically. "Mental debauch is in some respects more disastrous in its effects than physical debauch. Lascivious longings, emotions that run riot, uncontrolled, are most demoralizing to the character." To every individual comes with force the Bible word: "Keep thyself pure."

A "GOOD MIXER" AND NOTHING MORE.

Many churches these days are demanding that the minister be "a good mixer," which is all right provided he is much more. If, however, he is "a good mixer" and nothing more, he and the church alike deserve the castigation given by a recent writer in the Ladies' Home Journal. He says: "This 'good-mixer' ideal of the ministry has done its ignoble part in cheapening the pulpit. It does not contemplate the minister as a preacher, pastor and spiritual guide, but as a boomer of the Church. He is an official handshaker and back-slapper. He is a little sunbeam, brightening up the corner where he is. He is a ringer of doorbells, a runner on philanthropic errands, a convener of committees, an advertising manager, a driller of Boy Scouts, a drinker of tea, and, too often, a desperately unproductive preacher. He does get certain people into the church for a time, but he does them little good after he gets them there. He sacrifices the time necessary to the cultivation of his mind and the enrichment of his soul in the interests of a lot of irrelevant and unprofitable enterprises. When a man can do a multitude of little things with smiling gusto and an appearance of success he is accredited as a 'live wire.' When he can go among profane men without making them ashamed of their profanity he is a 'good mixer.' He labors from early morning to late at night until his enthusiasm for trifles expends itself, and then he moves on to another church. At fifty he is getting past the 'live wire' time of life; the churches that prefer his type will have nothing more to do with him, and so he begins the sad and weary way to ministerial oblivion. He has worked hard; he has spent himself honestly; but he has never taken the time to learn his proper business. I do not underrate the value of an attractive personality. The minister should not stand aloof from his people and be visible or audible only on Sabbath days. But when a church seeks a 'good mixer' for its minister it is unconsciously degrading the person and purpose of the pastor."

Editorial

Who is a True Baptist?

In answer to this question, Rev. W. D. Powell, D.D., of Kentucky, gives this answer in his *Mission Monthly*:

"He believes in the Deity of Jesus Christ—the Virgin birth of Christ; the inspiration of the Bible as the revealed Will of God; regeneration; salvation by grace; the immersion of the believer on the authority of a duly constituted church and by a proper administrator; the atoning blood of Christ as the only remedy for sin; the bodily resurrection of Christ and the believers; the personality of the devil and the endless punishment of the wicked; the second coming of Christ; baptism a prerequisite to communion just as naturalization papers are a prerequisite to a foreigner becoming a voter; and the world-wide evangelization in obedience to the explicit commands of Christ our King and Law-giver.

"Beware of imitations!"

Revision Rather Than Consolidation

We expressed the opinion in a recent issue of the Recorder that sentiment seems to be rapidly forming against the proposed consolidation of the Boards—particularly the Mission Boards—of the Southern Baptist Convention. This is not saying that the Committee appointed last May at Asheville to consider the matter will have nothing more to do than to report affirmatively or negatively upon the main proposition. If they should report in favor of consolidation, they will be expected to make many suggestions covering the whole situation and looking to the smoothness and effectiveness of the new denominational machinery to be installed. If, on the other hand, they counsel against consolidation, they will yet be at liberty to make any suggestions that may occur to them relative to readjustment, reorganization, or revision of present methods. And it is just here, we surmise, that the really constructive work of this important committee is to be done.

Of the same opinion is the Religious Herald which concludes an editorial, September 21, entitled "Something Useful May Result," with these paragraphs:

"We think it altogether likely that the committee appointed at Asheville to consider questions of reorganization may find something really worth while to recommend in the way of a revision of some of our present methods, particularly looking toward a clearer, sharper definition of the work of our various organizations.

"Thus it may happen, that the agitation for consolidation, though failing, as it seems bound to fail, of its chief purpose, may bring to pass some useful modifications in our present plans."

As to Union of the Boards

The resolution offered by Mr. M. H. Wolfe, of Texas, during the Convention at Asheville last May proposed to "create one strong Executive Board which shall direct all work and enterprises fostered and promoted by this Convention." The resolution was referred to a special committee, with Brother Wolfe as chairman, which is to investigate the whole question and publish their conclusion by the first of January next so that it may be thoroughly considered by the brotherhood at large before the meeting of the Convention at New Orleans next May.

The following suggestion is made in the Alabama Baptist, September 13, by Rev. A. J. Dickinson, D.D., of Birmingham:

"(1) Let the present boards stand just as they are in location and constituency for the conduct of the work on the mission fields, but let them be relieved of the responsibility of raising funds for that work, thus making them investing agencies and not collecting agencies also.

"(2) Let there be created an executive committee which shall be charged with raising for these boards the money authorized to be spent by the budget as projected in the instructions of the Convention; and in so doing it is charged also with the work of enlistment in the churches and the cultivation of missionary benevolence and interest among the people."

"It will be seen that these two suggestions are based on the hypothesis that it is best to

specialize in investing missions funds, but to unify in raising them."

In favor of this plan Dr. Dickinson offers two considerations which are elaborated in the remainder of his discussion: "(1) It requires much thought and painstaking investigation to project and conduct a mission work in any needy field, especially if it be a foreign field; and this is best secured by specialists trained in such work and giving themselves entirely to it.

"(2) There is much friction and disorder in our work of raising funds for our work by the clashing of the many interests we are seeking to conserve through our churches because too many agents are seeking a hearing and collection for their varied causes; and I take it that this is at the bottom of this desire for uniting our several interests and enterprises. This is greatly to be desired, and the method proposed is competent to bring us relief; but why apply it to the conduct of the work where there is no relief needed? Let us apply the remedy where the disease is—in our money-raising affairs."

Without discussing now the merits of Dr. Dickinson's suggestion, we lay it before our readers for their consideration.

Mission Study in the Sunday School

For three reasons we think that specific missionary instruction should find a place in every Sunday-school; it is fundamental; it is timely; and it is practicable.

I.

Missionary instruction is fundamental in the life and progress of the Sunday-school.

First of all, the very nature of the Sunday-school demands it. The Sunday-school is essentially a missionary agency.

The Sunday-school text-book cannot be taught without it. Time and again the missionary idea appears in the Old Testament, while the New is saturated with it from beginning to end. No one can truly teach the Bible without imparting missionary instruction.

The Sunday-school pupil cannot be roundly developed without it. He may store Bible facts in his mind and be conversant upon Bible doctrines, but what matters all of this unless there is also implanted the desire to communicate it to others. The symmetrical development of our Sunday-school scholars demands missionary instruction.

The Sunday-school organization is imperfect without it. The Sunday-school becomes inefficient if it is organized around itself rather than around the missionary idea.

The teacher is incompetent who does not give it place. He may be well informed, apt to teach, fond of the class, interested in the school, and all that; but if he has not the missionary spirit, he will fall short of the best work.

The Sunday-school aim is inferior that does not include it. We must not merely obey the word, "Go home to thy friends," but also heed the command, "Lift up your eyes and look on the fields." The Sunday-school aim must stretch from our doorstep to the confines of the world. It must be missionary.

The Sunday-school output is defective without it. To know a book or two of Scripture is not enough; it must be applied to our modern life and translated into individual character. It must be interfused with the missionary spirit. The output of the Sunday-school is dead-weight unless it be fired with missionary zeal.

II.

Missionary instruction in the Sunday-school is timely. It furnishes not only the richest field, but the field at its most productive period.

It is the time of all times when the missionary appeal comes with strongest force and greatest effect. The heroism of the hard worker on the far-away frontiers makes an especial impress upon the rising generation who are gathered in our Sunday-schools.

It is the time to bring nigh and translate the age-long truth of God into modern life. These up-to-date Acts of the Apostles corroborate and substantiate in the youthful mind the story of Paul and his comrades.

It is the best time to develop the missionary spirit, which is, first of all, the receiving spirit; and then the sending spirit, and then the spirit of being sent, the spirit of love and prayer for the lost world, the spirit of conquest through Jesus Christ.

It is the time to train workers who shall go forth in our own land, and perhaps in other lands, to tell the glad tidings of great joy.

It is the time to enlist missionary recruits.

For out of our Sunday-schools come not only our ministers and other Christian workers at home, but also our missionaries who go "far hence unto the Gentiles."

III.

If missionary instruction is essential to the Sunday-school idea and if it is timely from the viewpoint of mission work, then surely it should be practicable in every Sunday-school. There is certainly a place for it, as experience and observation declare.

Perhaps its practicability may be best emphasized in several suggestions. So we say:

Elect officers and teachers who believe in missions, for an anti-mission teacher would be a hindrance.

See that our Sunday-school workers are informed on the various phases of mission work. The mission study courses are exceedingly helpful just here.

Give missionary emphasis to the regular lessons. Nearly every lesson has some bearing upon missions.

Magnify the special lessons on missions that appear from time to time. Not one of them should be ignored.

Have an occasional speech on missions before the Sunday-school. Five minutes of red-hot mission talk may influence some lives to consecration upon the altar of God in heathen lands.

Encourage all members of the school in taking our mission magazines and books.

Secure and distribute mission tracts. If done wisely and with discrimination, this is casting bread upon the waters which will return not many days hence.

Have the school to memorize some of the great missionary verses of the Bible.

Memorize also and sing frequently some of the great missionary hymns.

Take collections from time to time for missionary objects.

Read before the school letters from missionaries, addressed to the school directly, or clipped from some of the papers.

Flavor the public prayers with the petition that some members of the school may be called into the ministry and as missionaries of the cross.

A missionary Sunday-school with missionary instruction in its curriculum and its heart aflame with missionary zeal—who can compute its value or measure its influence?

Making the Association Count

Having attended 470 district associations, Rev. A. J. Holt, D.D., Editor Florida Baptist Witness, can certainly claim to know Baptist usage with regard to these important meetings. He gives in a recent issue the following suggestions which we pass on to Recorder readers:

"(1) The Introductory Sermon. The appointee usually has a whole year of notification that this service is expected at his hands. Therefore he can have no reasonable excuse to come unprepared. Being prepared, he should give a message which is intelligent, Baptist, Christian in spirit; fair in its dealings with other denominations. The appointee is usually a representative man, and is expected to present the Baptist position, lovingly, charitably, concretely, clearly, and conclusively. Many people of other beliefs never hear a Baptist sermon save at an Association. Let us never forget that there are thousands of people in other communions who would be Baptists if they should only clearly understand the Baptist position. Then alas, there are not a few Baptists who are not well grounded in the faith, and they need and should have a confirmative message.

"(2) Missionary Matters. If we might speak one for all, we would say that the main subject to be considered at the Associations is the missionary question. We have been at Associations where more attention was paid to obituaries than to missions, and in such cases they had more obituaries than missions, because they were dying out. While we mean no discourtesy to the dead, we do mean that we should stress the salvation of the living. Let the dead bury their dead, come thou and follow Me," said our Lord. Fully half a day should be given in each Association to a calm, earnest, intelligent discussion of the missionary question.

"(3) Our general denominational representatives should have plenty of time to set forth their work. They are well informed, and expert, and what they have to say is well worth the trip to the Association to hear.

"(4) There should be given time to satisfy

every object and every man. No messenger should be allowed to depart from the Association without having time to have his say, if he wants it.

"(5) Do not be in a fever of haste to get away. No church should invite the Association that is not able and willing to entertain it so long as the business of the Association needs to be attended to. No messenger should be sent to an Association by a church, who was not willing to remain and properly attend to the business of the Association to its close. Get acquainted. We need to know each other better. Leave with a good taste in your mouth. A sweet spiritual talk at the close, and a sweet song with the hand of fellowship extended, and a good spiritual prayer should always close the Association. Let us make more of this meeting."

The Caldwell Association

The thirty-second annual session of the Caldwell Association was held last week at Blair's Fork Church which is distant from Lenoir about a mile and a half on the road to Blowing Rock. The meeting was to have been held at Mortimer but so many of the homes there were washed away by the July floods that the brethren were unable to provide for the Association this year as they had hoped and planned.

Twenty-nine of the thirty-two churches were represented by letters and messengers when the body convened at two o'clock on Thursday afternoon. This was certainly a fine start; and we have little doubt that all the churches were represented sometime during the session.

The organization was speedily effected by the re-election of the former very efficient officers: Rev. I. W. Thomas, of Lenoir, as Moderator for the fourteenth time, an officer for twenty-two years and an attendant upon the Association at twenty-seven annual sessions; Rev. E. D. Crisp, of Lenoir, R. 4, as Vice-Moderator—citizen, teacher, preacher, and one of the associational leaders for many years; J. R. Swanson, of Lenoir R. 1, as Clerk for the seventh time—a capable and influential layman.

The church letters were read, upon motion; and to us they were of unusual interest, as showing what our churches in the flood-stricken area are doing despite their material misfortunes. The records were in the main gratifying, and in a few cases even heroic, though as elsewhere there are some which furnish no occasion for congratulation. But in the letters presented and in the faces of the messengers we could read a seriousness of purpose, a determination to advance, and a re-dedication to the tasks at hand which promise greater things in the future for the Baptists of this goodly region.

The appointment of committees, the welcome to visitors, and the assignment of homes concluded the afternoon session. By the way, Pastor S. A. Rhyne, who resides at Hudson, made the assignments with effectiveness and dispatch, using an original card system which we commend to other entertainment committees. On each card were written the names of the host and of the church whose messengers were to be assigned to him; the name of the church was called out, the card handed to the messengers and directions (if needed) were given after the benediction. It was all quickly done and everybody desiring entertainment was provided for satisfactorily. In fact, the hospitality was generous and abundant.

The introductory sermon was preached at night. Not anticipating night service and having made another engagement, we missed hearing it. But we were told that it was a most helpful and appropriate discourse. Rev. G. W. Rollins, of Globe, was the preacher and his text Luke 15:3-7. Brother Rollins is a young man of fine ability and is doing good work. At the Association he was heard gladly.

On Friday morning the devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. S. B. McCall, of Lenoir, R. 5, former Moderator of the Catawba River Association. During the opening exercises a remarkable talk was made by Elder John Crisp, now eighty-five years of age, and for more than sixty years a warrior in the Army of Immanuel. He gave a few glimpses of his ripe Christian experience, touched here and there upon sound doctrine, and gave his younger brethren some earnest words of wholesome counsel. It was worth a trip to the Association to hear this brief message from that staunch, rugged, and devout veteran of the cross.

The first item on the program was the Biblical Recorder. Rev. E. D. Crisp presented the report which was cordial, concise, and compre-

hensive. The Editor was tendered right-of-way and the brethren gave him patient hearing though he, as a son of this Association, could not refrain from indulging in personalities and reminiscences to which he is unaccustomed elsewhere. Generous remarks were made on the Recorder by brethren H. A. Rowe, R. H. Pipes, I. C. Miller, and I. W. Thomas. The Caldwell saints will join us in our campaign for a larger circulation.

The report on the Orphanage was presented and discussed by Editor Archibald Johnson, of Thomasville. He is a great favorite with the Caldwell brotherhood, and the speech he made was in his happiest vein, sparkling and moving. The only collection taken during the Association (Sunday excepted) was taken for the Orphanage. No other institution lies quite so close to the Baptist heart as the Orphanage, and rightly so; for who unmoved can hear the cry of childhood?

The report on Education was presented by Rev. J. G. Benfield of Morganton, R. 2, one of the influential pastors in this part of the State. Dr. R. T. Vann arrived just in time to speak to the report. The brethren were charmed and thrilled with his masterful address and at its close readily acceded to his request to raise \$100 for Christian Education during next associational year.

Just before adjournment for dinner on Friday a locust gavel cut by Brother Swanson from a tree on the Lower Creek churchyard where the Association was organized, was presented to the Moderator, Mayor Williams, of Lenoir, making the speech in felicitous terms. Brother Thomas received the gavel with appropriate remarks.

How we regretted to leave the Association at this point! There was Rufus Bradshaw ready to make the speech of his life on State Missions; the local brethren were just "warming up" for the discussions ahead; and the feast of good things was to continue through Sunday. But office duties were imperative and so with multiplied benedictions upon the brethren of the Caldwell Association we hastened homeward.

Notes.

The July flood certainly played havoc in Caldwell County. Wilson's Creek swept Mortimer away. Johns River tore Globe to pieces. The Yadkin imperiled Patterson, and marred the Happy Valley. And the Catawba swollen from hill to hill, spread desolation along its course. Surely not since Noah have there been such downpouring rains and up-bursting fountains.

When Brother W. H. H. Hartley, of Hudson, renewed his subscription, he told us he had been taking the Recorder forty-three years and but for one brief interruption, he has now a complete file of the paper for this entire period. Is not this unequalled?

When we asked Elder John Crisp the other day how his health was he replied: "I am very well, thank you; except I have gotten to be a little deaf in recent years. But I suppose that is not much of an affliction since there is so much said that isn't worth hearing!"

The Grandfather dominates all the peaks and valleys of Caldwell, lifting his sublime head nearly six thousand feet heavenward. Colonel Olds, the veteran journalist of our Capital City, says that the Grandfather is the most human, the most individual and the most picturesque of all the great mountains in the Appalachian ranges. He is right. Certainly every true Tar Heel born and bred within sight of that mighty mountain can never look upon its Titan form without a feeling akin to reverence.

The Edgemont Church was received into the Association last week. Pastor G. W. Rollins showed us what the eleven active members of this little mountain flock have done. They gave \$318.29 last year, of which \$113.52 went to pastor's salary. Every member is a contributor, a Sunday-school teacher or scholar, a regular attendant at every church service, and a reader of the Biblical Recorder. Isn't this fine? Who can beat it?

Visitors at Blair's Fork who received the glad hand were: I. C. Miller, H. A. Rowe, A. Johnson, W. R. Bradshaw, W. N. Cook, R. T. Vann, this scribe and three esteemed Methodist ministers—Brethren Litaker, Postell and Byble, all of Lenoir, the first making a good speech on the Orphanage and the last transporting some of us in his accommodating Ford.

At Lenoir on a lovely eminence stands the Davenport College for women, a very useful Methodist institution, founded in 1858, whose good influence has been felt far and wide in this region. Editors Johnson and Moore visited the College on Thursday evening by invitation of President Craven and addressed the students at

their chapel hour. We were favored with a number of inspiring musical selections. The College is evidently in a prosperous condition and its prospects are radiant.

Lenoir is a lovely mountain town. And how it has grown since our last visit a half dozen years ago! We greatly enjoyed a morning visit to the well-equipped graded school. A number of handsome new business houses have been erected. A stroll along the improved streets revealed municipal taste and thrift. The meeting with many of the elders and chief men of the city aroused pleasant recollections of earlier days. The vacant lot which the good women by planting flowers have transformed into a spot of beauty has won much attention. Many of the people's homes are attractive and some of them are elegant. There are several manufacturing enterprises. Lenoir is a good town with a fine future.

The First Baptist Church has a handsome and commodious house (though the Sunday-school has about outgrown it), which was built under the leadership of Rev. J. O. Fulbright, a good pipe organ has been installed, and all indebtedness (except about \$800) has been paid. The church is now pastorless, but hopes soon to secure a good man to lead them on to larger things in the Master's work.

During the Association the Editor of the Recorder was the guest of his brother, Editor W. M. Moore of the Lenoir Topic.

Contributions

A Message From Dr. Gray

By VICTOR I. MASTERS, Editor of Publications.

We are delighted to be able to report that Dr. B. D. Gray is making satisfactory progress toward a complete recovery from a serious operation on September 2 at a local hospital. His friends everywhere will be glad to know that the prospect is that Dr. Gray's health will be more vigorous than it has been for the past few months.

Though his improvement is steady it will be some weeks before we can hope that Dr. Gray will be able to assume the burden of his accustomed work. His thoughts on the bed where he is convalescing turn daily to the brethren and to the great work of Home Missions.

While the work is progressing satisfactorily and the total receipts are about \$3,000 ahead of this date last year—that is to say \$51,600—the necessity of placing the Home Board's debt in the appropriations of the year and therefore of borrowing more largely from the bank and of holding each needy appeal down to the minimum in the appropriations, makes the Home Board more anxious that the brethren shall understand its situation and needs than it has been for years.

When I asked Dr. Gray to give me a message for the brethren, something of that anxiety was reflected from his face which was suffused with emotion. He said:

"Tell the brethren I am improving and hope soon to be myself again. I am sure my sickness has not caused any lagging in the Home Mission interest even though it has kept me from appealing to them as I would have wished to do just at this period."

"We are right now in the middle of the associational period which gives a great opportunity for stressing the varied activities and needs of our Board. If this is done, if we can have such co-operation and enthusiasm as we put into raising the Foreign Mission debt, though we have made no appeal, we ought also to be able to raise the entire apportionment for Home Missions and wipe out any possibility of debt."

"Regular and enlarged contributions are our great need. Tell the brethren I am expecting to be able to meet them at various State Conventions this fall."

The sympathy which our generous people will feel for our leader in his sickness will doubtless cause many to remember the needs of Home Missions and to help in every suitable way to supply those needs. This is eminently appropriate. We beg that our brethren everywhere will cheer the heart of Dr. Gray in his convalescence and vindicate the claims of the cause whose needs are great and crucial, by magnifying and contributing to Home Missions regularly and on every fit occasion.

Home Mission Rooms, Atlanta, Georgia.

Plans for the Recorder Movement

By C. J. THOMPSON.

As the district association is the unit of co-operation in our denomination, we shall endeavor to secure a few definite plans in every association for co-operative efforts to place the Biblical Recorder in our Baptist homes, and to secure not less than 5,000 new subscribers during October and November.

1. An Association Committee of a few men and women, who will give active assistance in carrying through these plans in their respective associations.

2. To secure in every church during October and November a Recorder Day, when an entire service will be given to it, with this three-fold object in view—

(1) To show the value of the Recorder to the home, to Christian character, and to every Baptist and Kingdom enterprise. Here is a great sermon.

(2) At that same service, by the united efforts of pastor and people, place the Recorder in every home possible.

Such an hour on the Lord's Day can be made exceedingly helpful and far-reaching in good results.

(3) Appoint the best possible committee to canvass the whole church membership thoroughly and in a business-like way.

These are simple but definite things to do, and I can see but one possible missing link between our plans and glorious success, and that is the active hearty co-operation of pastors and others.

If the thing is possible, and its success means so much for us, and we are capable of rendering the necessary co-operation, then what say you?

In the recent sixty days movement to pay off the indebtedness on the Foreign Mission Board, there was secured the most universal, united, and prompt co-operation I have ever witnessed by North Carolina Baptists. It demonstrated the fact that our pastors and mission society leaders can be depended upon to line up our people in a great movement when an urgent call is made.

Success in that splendid movement was a great blessing to one department of our work. Here comes an urgent call for the united co-operation of North Carolina Baptists in a denominational enterprise whose success or failure affects all departments of our work. Shall we not have a like response in the Recorder movement throughout the State? It seems to me that I hear you say—"Yes, we will do it." At least that is our confidence.

Our aim is 5,000 new subscribers from October 1 to the Baptist State Convention early in December, and ultimately 20,000 Recorder families.

Raleigh, N. C.

Pray Constantly

By C. H. WETHERBE.

I am wondering as to whether or not I have any Christian readers who regard personal prayer as being a duty. Probably the most of them consider it as being merely a privilege. Yes, it is a privilege, but that word does not cover the whole ground. A privilege may not be obligatory, but an actual duty is always obligatory. One may refuse to perform his duty, yet the duty is still binding. Observe the fact that God commands us to pray to Him; it is, therefore, our duty to pray. It is just as binding upon us as is any command of God to us. And the praying is to be constant.

But, you say that you have the right to cease praying for a certain thing, when, after praying for it a number of times no answer comes to you. What authority have you for saying so? You cannot find any in the Bible. God has never told you that you may stop praying for a particular thing or person when it appeared to you that you were not going to get any answer. It may be true that it is useless for one to continue praying for a particular person or thing; but who is to decide as to when it is useless? You are not able to decide nor am I. We are commanded by God to pray constantly, and we are to do so, whether or not we see any answer.

An unconverted person may say, "I would pray to God; if I thought that I would receive an answer." That person makes his own terms on which he will pray; but he is too selfish to be honored by God. We are to pray without any reference to personal rewards. It is a constant duty, and, if performed rightly, God will bless one in doing it.

Holland Patent, N. Y.

A Demonstration Slow and Sure

By W. N. J.

Much has been said recently about the advantage of compact pastorates. The work of Bay Leaf, Mt. Vernon, New Bethel, and Falls Churches in the Central Association for the last four years tells an interesting story.

Upon request, Pastor R. L. Brown gives us these interesting figures:

	Total Contri- butions	Ad- ditions	S. S. Enroll- ment
1913—All having different pastors \$ 869.95	26	278	
1914—Three having same pastor . . . 916.54	70	308	
1915—All having same pastor . . . 1,167.91	59	403	
(Systematic giving introduced)			
1916—The same as 1915 1,221.15	72	562	

Unfortunately, these churches have to change pastors, since Brother Brown is leaving this fall for the Seminary. It is interesting, at the above rate of increase, to figure out what would happen in this pastorate in ten years if it were to keep advancing at the rate which has become normal during the last four years.

In that time there would be approximately \$2,200 given each year to the work of the Kingdom by this pastorate. There would also be five or six hundred people added to these churches and over one thousand people enrolled in the Sunday-schools.

A situation like this is a challenge to many of our younger ministers. Ten years' work on a field like this would bring results equal to what could be expected in any city church. There is food for thought in these facts.

Yet there is nothing exceptional in this case. It is only a hint and a measure of five hundred other opportunities just like it among country churches of North Carolina.

Raleigh, N. C.

"The High Calling"

By A. S. HOBART, D.D.

"Forgetting the things that are behind?" And yet the Psalmist said, Forget not all His benefits. Does Paul want to obliterate the psalm? To mutilate many of our hymns? Certainly not. It must be taken in connection with the metaphor with which it is connected. The basis of the whole figure is the runner in the Olympic games. He has made one-fourth the course. He is glad to see that he is leading the contestants. A great cloud of spectators is looking on with interest. Every thing is going hopefully. But the race is not yet finished. He has not touched the goal. Until he does that he cannot be a winner. So in view of the fact the goal is yet before him, he forgets what he has run in view of what he has not run. He presses on toward the goal for the prize of the "high calling" of God. He could see many victories if he looked back. He had learned much about Christ Jesus. But the goal was not yet reached. We all have had victories. Bless the Lord for them. But we must have more of them. We will not forget His benefits but we will not let our gratitude kill our zeal. No satisfied self-gratulation must be allowed to dull the enthusiasm for better work.

But what about this "high calling?" The word is not a good one to express the idea. It ought to give the idea of a calling from on high. It is not the height of the calling, but the source of the calling. In 1908 there was an imitation of the Greek games in London. Representatives of twenty-two nationalities were engaged in them. King Edward thought it would be the very glory of his reign. \$250,000 were spent in a stadium. Seats were provided for 80,000 people. The course in sight was a mile long. A high platform was built for the royal family. It was required that the Marathon runners should run from the king's palace to the stadium, twenty-three miles, and then run around the course once. The Italian reached the stadium first. But he fell exhausted thirty feet from the goal. Mr. John J. Hayes, an American, made the course and came in strong at the end under the eyes of 80,000 people.

After the games were over and the various prizes had been decided upon, the king and queen stood forth on the high platform and the trumpeter called out the names of the winners one at a time and they came up to the king and received their prizes.

That was a glorious hour when the winner of the race heard the trumpeter call "John J. Hayes come to the platform." A cheer from

80,000 voices greeted him. The queen handed him his prize, a bronze statue of Philides. That is what Paul had in mind when he said the "high calling." It would better be the "upcalling."

To hear the angel say to us in the great day, Come to the throne; and when, in the presence of men and angels, we go it will be the righteous Judge will give us the crown of victory and to all that love His appearing.

Crozer Seminary, Chester, Pa.

The Triple Endowment

By ROBERT STUART MACARTHUR.

I.

These are wholesome words which we have in Second Timothy 1:7, For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. They are the words of Paul, the aged disciple, to Timothy, the youthful disciple. Paul was a veteran, laying aside his sword and helmet, Timothy was a raw recruit, buckling on his armor and preparing himself for the noble conflict. The friendship between these two men is one of the beautiful episodes in the history of the infant church. This friendship had a mellowing, sweetening, and ennobling influence on the mind and heart of Paul. It toned down his impassioned vigor, and inspired all his tender impulses. He was a lonely man; he was a homeless, wifeless, childless man; often he needed friendship, and the opportunity for manifesting fraternal affection and paternal devotion. He found the opportunity for both in his relations to Timothy. Paul was a great statesman in his views of Christianity. He lifted Christianity from being merely a Jewish cult into a universal faith. He turned the tide of history; he changed the character of the Christian world. He was a Hebrew in blood, a Greek in culture, a Roman in citizenship, and a Christian in faith. He was a consecrated cosmopolite. There never was in the Christian church a man with a more superb outfit than that of the Apostle Paul. The result was that he did more work than all the other apostles put together. Compared with him, there was no apostle worthy of mention. The only apostles who could be even mentioned in the same category are John and Peter. But he is so vastly superior to both, as to leave them hopelessly behind.

Paul is in Rome as he writes this Epistle. He is soon to be on trial for his life. He knows that the result of that trial will be death; indeed, he is facing death as he writes the words which have been quoted. Most of his earlier companions have forsaken him; they have forgotten him in his sorrow. He is left almost alone. Luke is with him. How his heart hungers for love! But for the presence and power of God in his soul, it seems as if his heart would have broken with its continuous aching. There in his cell he sits, with his chained hand upon his knee, musing as to his future, and expressing his longing for the presence of Timothy. It is probable that he was arrested as being implicated in the charges made against the Christians for the fire that occurred in the year 64. He is treated now no longer, as he had been treated before, with courtesy; but as a common criminal. Many of his Asiatic friends have avoided him; and so his heart turns with peculiar affection toward Timothy. In these circumstances, he writes this Second Epistle, earnestly begging Timothy to come to him before the winter. He writes from prison; he writes in expectation of a speedy execution. He thus sends fatherly instructions to his beloved son in the faith. One's heart grows very tender as one thinks of this aged disciple, as the thought goes back over countries and over centuries to him yonder in his lonely cell, with death before him, writing these words to Timothy. But how triumphantly he does write! Here is no misere; here is no threnody; here is a paean of victory. He rejoices in God, and has high hope and great faith for the future. He gives, in this connection, these practical suggestions to Timothy, "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."

Let it fill you with cheerfulness and exalted feeling that God is leading you on, girding you for a work, preparing you for a good that is worthy of His divine magnificence. If God is really preparing us all to become that which is the very highest and best thing possible, there ought never to be a discouraged or uncheerful being in the world.—Horace Bushnell.

Time Yet

By WALTER N. JOHNSON, Corresponding Secretary.

DID YOU HAVE STATE MISSION DAY IN YOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL LAST SUNDAY?

If you did not, have it yet. You can now begin at once and have it in time to give the State Mission Campaign a push in your church. But there is not a moment to be lost.

WE NEED THE MOMENTUM THAT THE OBSERVATION OF THIS DAY IN EVERY SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL GIVE FOR THE REST OF THE STRESSFUL WEEKS IN THIS YEAR.

Raleigh, N. C.

Such as They but for the Grace of God

By CHAS. A. LEONARD, Missionary.

Did you ever take time to consider how much residents of Christian lands owe to the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ? If you have not done so, recall the condition of your barbarian forefathers some centuries back, before they received the enlightenment of Christianity, cast off some of your pride, and thank God for what He has done for you. Or compare your present blessings with those of men and women in heathen lands.

Not until you have seen or indirectly known of what we have here, will you ever be able to appreciate fully the blessed results of Christianity enjoyed by people in western lands. The contrast is beyond description when one takes into consideration the real sufferings and privations of most of these people. Some Chinese have a form of satisfaction which they call happiness when there is sufficient food with which to sustain the body, but as to the highest and better phases of life, and especially the spiritual life, they lack altogether that rich joy and happiness which the true Christian enjoys.

Children in our schools should be brought to realize the debt they owe Christ. Men of the world who fail to appreciate the blessed influences of the Church of Christ through the centuries, should nevertheless praise God for the Christian advantages enjoyed. Those who fail to support missions should recognize their debt to those who in the past were willing to sacrifice and go forth against great odds to proclaim the gospel to our forefathers who knew Him not. Every one who enjoys the liberty, joy and happiness of life as had in Christian lands should thank God that he or she was not born in a heathen land. You might have been a Chinese, an Indian, or an African, and are we any better than they except as through the grace of God? "God being rich in mercy, for His great love wherewith He loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, quickened us together with Christ (by grace have ye been saved) and raised us up with Him, and made us sit with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus: that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus: for by grace have ye been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, that no man should glory." (Eph. 2:4-8).

This is a time of worship at the heathen temples. Great numbers of women come into the city and many of them visit the homes of the missionaries to see how they live. Although our homes are humble and unpretentious, yet upon entering the front door these women usually stop in wonder, take a gasp and remark: "How wonderful! How wonderful! See how clean and beautiful is everything! We have heard there is a heaven but not until now have we actually seen it." When told what heaven really is: "Could heaven be better than this?" is the reply. And when they come to know what care and consideration is given the mother and her children they say: "Who ever thought it could be this way?" One of our faithful Christian women says she became a Christian simply from seeing inside the missionary's home.

The Chinese often wonder at the intelligence and ability of our women. Only yesterday one of the women enquirers inside the city asked a lady missionary: "How is it that you women are so far superior to us? Where did all this come from?" The missionary put forth a Bible: "It all came from this blessed Book," she said. "Really, and how is that?" asked the women. The missionary explained: "Let me read a passage," and she read from Psalm 115: "Their idols are silver and gold, the work of men's hands. They have mouths, but they speak not;

eyes have they, but they see not; they have ears but they hear not. . . . They that make them shall be like unto them: Yea, everyone that trusteth in them." "And so it is, my friend," she said. "Our God is a living God. He loves us and He loves you, and greatly helps all who put their trust in Him, as the rest of this Psalm shows."

Since coming to China I have never wondered at the zeal of Christian women in the work of the Lord and their appreciation of the Saviour. Perhaps there is an inward consciousness of the great debt they owe Him. Could you know more fully the depth of sadness and suffering of many of these women you would be made to weep. The taskmaster, Satan, has brought these people low, and many of them drink the dregs of deepest bitterness. His yoke is not easy, nor is his burden light. The awful custom of footbinding is only one of his curses.

This afternoon some women from a neighboring village came to see Mrs. Leonard. With them was a young girl who formerly attended the kindergarten. She is now at the age when she should bloom into strong robust womanhood and her life be full of happiness; but she is poor and emaciated. At first Mrs. Leonard did not recognize her. When asked why so thin she explained that her bound feet were about to kill her. Each foot is a mass of corruption and she suffers day and night, yet she is not allowed to unbind the feet and have them treated. In her weakened condition she will probably develop tuberculosis and die early, as do so many. If spared, she will be weak and her offspring without the strength that is due them. Her case is not an exception. This awful custom is still practiced throughout China except among the Christians and the educated classes in the ports. At the age of four years the toes are turned under and the foot bound tightly. Suffering is intense day and night and as the little girls have to get about on these feet they are not allowed to utter one word of complaint, nor are they given any sympathy in their suffering. Should not young Christian women of America thank God that they were born in "the land of the free and the home of the brave?" Not until the gospel of Christ gets a great hold on these people will there be any hope for them. But "the morning light is breaking, the darkness disappears."

The bright side to the picture, and that which rejoices our hearts, is to see men and women breaking away from the devil and his bondage and coming into the inheritance that belongs to the children of God. One can usually recognize a Christian when he meets him on the road. There is a brightness in the face and a joy in living, and the end of life a triumph over sin and death. A few days ago one of our Christian young men passed away to his reward above. He had been ill for sometime with tuberculosis, which claims so many of China's young people. He became a Christian when in the employ of a missionary, afterwards entered school and finally went to the Seminary. There he broke down and had to give up his work. He went to his home fully prepared to die, and began preparation of his burial clothes and coffin, all these being in pure white. When asked why he desired white he replied that he wanted his friends and relatives to remember whenever they thought of him that this pure white was a symbol of the spotless purity of the place to which he was going. He slept on a bed in the yard to the very last and when the time of his going arrived he went into the house one morning and told the family he was going home. They thought he was irrational and said: "You are already at home." He replied: "I'm going to my eternal home." They soon noticed the extreme pallor of his face and put him on the bed. After about an hour he had gone. His funeral was Christian in every respect. This and his homegoing made a great impression on the heathen. His salvation was made possible by those who send us here to preach the "unsearchable riches of Christ."

Laihowfu, Shantung, China, July 18, 1916.

Beecher defined education as the ability to use the whole of one's self. It follows that as we develop and utilize our powers, we become more productive and useful. Therefore, the more cultured we are, the more productive we ought to be. That such is actually the case is shown in the following statement credited to the Commissioner of Education of the United States: "A common school education increases a man's productive ability 50 per cent, a high school training increases it 100 per cent, and a college training increases it from 200 to 300 per cent."

An Interview With Death

[Enclosing this beautiful poem, President F. P. Hobgood, of Oxford College, recently wrote to the Editor of the Biblical Recorder: "In one of his sermons last Sunday, Rev. T. A. Smoot quoted some lines from Rev. Joseph Parker that have never been printed. I was so much struck with them that I asked him to send me a copy, which he did. I am enclosing this to you, thinking perhaps you would like to publish it."]

I had an interview with Death,
The place, a lonely dell, winter-bound, swathed
In spotless snow;
The time, new risen morn: the last star, paling
As if in fear, retired but not extinguished.
A spirit strengthened me to brave the enemy of
Life,
And gave me courage to upbraid his cruelty.
My speech I do remember well, and Death's reply.

Said I, in heightened tone, as if to keep uncertain
Courage steadfast and ardent: "Monster, of
Thee

No man speaks well: thy silent tread makes
The house tremble, and in thy cold breath all
Flowers die. No little child is safe from
Thy all-withering touch; nor mothers
Dost thou spare, nor lovers weaving life's story
Into coloured dream, nor saints in lowly prayer.
Why not content thyself with warring and succeeding

In the gloomy jungle?—Smite the tiger crouching

For his prey, or the lion in his fierceness,
Or fly after the panting wolf, or lodge
An arrow in the heart of the proud eagle.
Why devastate our homes? Why kill our little
ones?

Why break our hearts, and mock our thirst
With the brine of useless tears? O Death! I
would

That thou wert dead!"

Then Death answered me, and filled me with
amaze.
"Believe me," said the weird defendant, "thy
reasoning

is false, and thy reproach an unintelligent assault.
His voice was gentle, and through all his pallor
There gleamed the outline of a smile. I saw
Transfigured Death.

"I am God's servant. The flock must be brought
home.

I go to bring the wanderer to the fold.
The lambs are God's, not yours: or yours but to
Watch and tend until He sends for them.
Through your own fatherhood read God's heart.
Through your own watching for the child's return
Conceive the thought that gleams in love divine."

He paused. Said I, "Could not some brighter
Messenger be sent? An angel with sunlight in
His eyes, and music in his voice? Thou dost
So affright us and make us die so oft in
Dying once. If our mother could but come: or
some

Kindred soul: or some old pastor whose voice
We know: any but thou, so cold, so grim!"

"I understand thee well," said Death, "but thou
dost not
Understand thyself. Why does God send this
cold snow
Before the spring? Why icebergs first, then
daffodils?

My grimness too, thou dost not comprehend.
The living have never seen me. Only the dying
Can see Death. I am but a mask. The angel
thou

Dost pine for is behind: sometimes angel mother,
Sometimes father, sometimes a vanished love,
But always to the Good and True the very image
of the

Christ. No more revile me. I am a vizored
friend."

The dell was then transformed. The snow
gleamed
Like silver. The day a cloudless blue. And,
Suddenly, living images filled the translucent
space.

And then I asked of Death, if he could tell
whence

Came they. And he said: "These are mine.
A reaper I, as well as shepherd. I put in the
sharp sickle:

I bound the sheaves: I garnered the precious
harvest."

And when I come, angels sing 'Harvest Home.'"

News Notes

...Rev. S. A. Stroup changes his address from Hickory, R. 5, to Maiden.

...“Time Yet,” says Secretary Johnson (p. 5). And it is better late than never.

...The Foreign Mission Board is to hold its annual session at Richmond, Va., October 4.

...“Quite considerable frost yesterday morning,” is the way the Watauga Democrat, of Boone, opens its news notes September 21.

...“Our Association (Roan Mountain) was good, and made large advance along all lines,” writes Clerk W. F. Dodson, of Bakersville.

...Rev. L. B. Boney, having concluded his work at Goldsboro and vicinity, is now at Virgilina, Va., but expects soon to re-enter the pastorate.

...Rev. N. P. Stallings, of Moyock, after two weeks' treatment at Raleigh, has returned home improved in health. We hope he will soon be entirely well.

...“We had a very fine opening,—much the best since I have been here, both in numbers and quality,” writes President G. E. Lineberry, of Chowan College, Murfreesboro.

...There were six additions to Center Church, Robeson Association, during the recent meetings in which Pastor W. R. Davis, of Lumberton, was aided by Rev. E. L. Weston, of Burgaw.

...We hope the One-Day-for-the-Orphanage Movement will be more generally observed this year than it was last, gratifying as it was then, surpassing the highest expectation of friends.

...They tell us that an ounce of fact is worth a ton of theory. You will find more than an ounce of fact in that timely little article (p. 4) on “A Demonstration Slow and Sure.” Read it and see.

...We welcome to our exchange table “Old Gold and Black,” the bright and newsy weekly published at Wake Forest College. Some of those fine young fellows are going to make first-class journalists and will be heard from in the days to come.

...“We have had a very pleasant and restful stay in North Carolina, and go back to our work very much refreshed,” wrote Rev. W. C. Tyree, D. D., from Oxford, September 22, on the eve of returning to his work at Greenwood, Miss.

...While in our office on last Monday Pastor W. L. Griggs, of Cary, stated that our Sunday-school there had sixteen new members last Sunday, had present 184 of the 216 on the roll, and contributed \$20.50 for State Missions.

...The new meeting house of McGill St. Church, Concord, was dedicated on last Sunday, Secretary Walter N. Johnson preaching the sermon. Pastor S. W. Bennett is happy in his pastorate and the work goes forward under his leadership.

...With her devoted husband, and other friends and loved ones, we deeply sympathize in their bereavement over the death of Mrs. Chattie Taylor, wife of Dr. A. Z. Taylor, which occurred Tuesday night, September 12, at their home in Mocksville. “A purer, more self-sacrificing, and consecrated woman never lived,” wrote one who knew and loved her.

...As a result of the ten days meeting conducted at Willowdale, sixteen were received into that church by baptism yesterday, a number of them being heads of families. Rev. Mr. Adams, who held the revival, says in some respects, it was the most wonderful meeting he has ever been in.—Watauga Democrat, September 21.

...We acknowledge receipt of the following invitation: “Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Herndon Burnett invite you to be present at the marriage of their daughter, Alice Eaton, to Mr. Elbert Cecil Stevens on the afternoon of Tuesday, the tenth of October, nineteen hundred and sixteen at five o'clock, Baptist Church, Aftonsville, Kentucky.”

...From 25 Madison St., Hamilton, N. Y., wrote Rev. Sam Long, September 20: “Please send me the Recorder. I have read it all my life and it seems that I cannot get along without it. I am taking post-graduate work in Colgate University. Mrs. Long and I are happily situated here and feel that we are going to have a good year in the North.”

...Our church at Chalybeate Springs has prospered so finely under the leadership of Pastor J. S. Farmer that they have just advanced to two Sundays a month preaching. This is a forward step which was also taken sometime ago by Brother Farmer's other church, New Hope, which is situated in a fine farming region five miles east of Raleigh.

...The Sanford Express, September 22, says: “The meeting which had been in progress at the Baptist Church for a week closed Sunday night. The church was taxed to its capacity to hold the people at the last service. Fifteen candidates for membership in the Baptist Church were baptized by the pastor, Rev. J. B. Willis, on Wednesday night.”

...Dr. C. J. Thompson, who has for several years been one of the field men of the Foreign Board, has accepted the position of circulation manager of the Biblical Recorder, the official organ of the North Carolina Baptist Convention. Dr. Thompson has a warm place in the hearts of South Carolina Baptists and they will wish him well in this good work.—Baptist Courier.

...Some weeks ago we published a clipping from the New York Times telling of the remarkable achievements in the aeroplane service of the Allies at the Verdun front in France of Mr. Kiffin Rockwell, son of the late Rev. James Chester Rockwell, a Baptist minister well known in North Carolina. On last Saturday the sad intelligence reached his mother then at Winston-Salem, that this splendid young man had met his death in an air fight with German machines. He had won repeated distinctions for his bravery and he died the death of a hero.

...The Leaksville-Spray Review-Observer, September 22, has the following to say concerning a gifted and promising young man: “Dr. Arthur B. Ray, recently of Ithaca, N. Y., is spending the week with his father and friends in Leaksville. A few years ago Dr. Ray received the B. A. and M. A. degrees from Wake Forest College, and recently Cornell University conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. He has accepted a professorship of Industrial Chemistry and Chemical Engineering at the A. & M. College of Texas, one of the largest and best technical schools of the South, and will leave shortly to take up his work there.”

...With the next issue the price of the Recorder goes up to \$2 per annum. Except under the strictest necessity, the advance would never have been ordered by the Directors. And we greatly appreciate the fact that our State-wide brotherhood, with hardly a single exception, is standing by the Recorder in this time of grave crisis. How delectable is friendship, and especially in a time of stress!

...Rev. R. D. Cross has resigned the pastorate at Matthews and vicinity and expects to close his labors there about the first of December. He has done faithful, acceptable, and successful work there, as he has done in his former pastorates. He is a thoughtful and forceful preacher and is a diligent shepherd of his flocks. He has not yet decided upon the field of his future labors. We hope he will remain in North Carolina.

...This “request to the readers and brethren of the Carolina Baptist Association,” was sent us by Bro. O. B. Kelley, of Tryon: “Let us pray that we may have the best session and meeting of our Association this year we have ever had, and that brotherly love may prevail and that we may be able to do more for our blessed Master's Kingdom than we have in the past. Oh, for the power of the Holy Spirit with us and within us! Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.”

...Tennessee has a peculiar type of Baptists, evidently from the statement of Editor Folk, of the Baptist and Reflector. He announces that he sent out on September first statements aggregating nearly \$15,000, and that up to the fifth he had received only \$216.00. A Baptist paper with less than 7,000 subscribers, with \$15,000 due it must have a hard time to meet its obligations, especially with the present high price of paper.—Christian Index.

...Read Secretary Love's advertisement (p. 12) on “Good Income for Life.” We earnestly hope that the Annuity Plan will be adopted by a great many of our people who want and need an income from their property as long as they live and would be glad for it to be used for the spread of the gospel after they are dead. Read what Dr. Love says. Think over the matter, write him for full particulars, and then do what you think the Lord wants you to do.

...Evangelist R. W. Thiot wrote from Selma, September 24: “Meeting closed at New Hope with thirty-seven additions and more to follow. About thirty homes pledged to erect family altars and subscribe to denominational literature and wholesome books. Senior and Junior B. Y. P. U. organized and impetus given to permanent financing of the church. Brother Biggs is one of the best and noblest pastors with whom I have ever worked and New Hope one of the best country churches. We open meeting at Micro today.”

...Read Brother Thompson's “Plans for the Recorder Movement” if you miss everything else in this issue. We are in dead earnest about this campaign. We believe the right man is at the helm to lead us and we shall be greatly disappointed if glorious results do not crown his labors. But to do his best, and do our best, he must have the sympathy and active co-operation of our friends and fellow-workers throughout the State. All together for a mighty forward movement to increase the circulation of the Recorder!

...We are sorry to see this paragraph in the Greensboro News from Asheville, September 19: “A Baptist Church at Barnardsville near here was totally destroyed by fire at an early hour this morning, with a loss of \$4,000. The fire was of unknown origin and no insurance was carried on the building, pending the erection of a \$10,000 school house which is being constructed. School was being held in the church building.”

...Wake Foresters of recent years and many other friends in this his native State will congratulate Brother Sorrell upon his happiness, and wish him and his bride increasing usefulness through the years. We have received the following card: “Mrs. William Abbott Sullivan announces the marriage of her daughter, Grace Elizabeth, to Rev. Commodore Russell Sorrell on Thursday, September fourteenth, nineteen hundred and sixteen, Marble Hill, Missouri. At home, Jackson, Missouri.”

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...From Mt. Holly wrote Rev. W. G. Moore, September 22: “I have been here since the second Sunday in August. We are getting our forces mobilized for a big year's work. We are getting ready to make an every-member canvass for the two-fold purpose of getting our church on a budget basis supported by weekly payments, and we hope to be a thoroughly up-to-date Sunday-school, well organized with all departments. Very soon we shall begin a teacher training class. The prospect for this work is splendid. Brother Barnes, our Superintendent, and his gifted wife, will have this work in charge. Since I have been here I have taken in fifteen members and the prospect for a constant and larger increase is encouraging.”

One of our Baptist preachers in this State, much of the time away from home in the Lord's work, wishes to secure a healthy, companionable lady to stay with his family in his absence and to aid his wife with her household work. The salary, of course, will be small. Write “Z” care of Biblical Recorder, Raleigh, N. C.

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...We join many of our exchanges, secular and religious, daily and weekly, in expressing regret over the recent retirement of Mr. Joe Patton, of Charlotte, from the journalistic field. For a number of years he was Editor of the Daily News of Charlotte. He did excellent work and his editorials were widely quoted. But he has worked too hard and is in danger of a physical breakdown. We hope he will soon recuperate and again take up his versatile pen.

...From Hendersonville wrote Pastor Geo. F. Wright, of the East Hendersonville Church, September 21: "Hope you can come up to the meeting of the Carolina Association next week. We are looking to the best Association we have had in a number of years. The adjourned sessions have been very good this year, and, but for the convulsions of nature, I think the mid-summer edition of it would have even surpassed the regular meeting of the Association."

...We second the call of a brother in South Carolina that the editors and preachers in the denominations which say they will accept either sprinkling or immersion for baptism to give to the readers of their papers reasons from the Scripture for believing that immersion is a proper mode of baptism. Of course, they are given often in Baptist papers, but it would make interesting reading in a Methodist paper, for example.—Baptist Record, Jackson, Miss.

...While at Ridgecrest recently we had the great pleasure of calling upon Rev. T. P. Bell, D.D., at his cottage there. While he has not regained his wonted strength, he is improving finely in that splendid atmosphere and will in all probability remain there and at Black Mountain until the end of the year. He continues to take the keenest interest in denominational affairs and gave us some historical glimpses which we were much interested in hearing. A multitude of friends will wish him complete recovery and yet many years of enjoyable fellowship and fruitful service.

...Evangelists Lamb and Scholfield have just closed a two weeks' meeting with our First Church at Henderson, aiding Pastor S. L. Morgan in fruitful and acceptable service: "They are a strong team. Lamb preaches with unusual force, and Scholfield is a very superior leader and soloist. The results are not all we could wish, but something more than a dozen have been received by baptism and letter, and others will come. This week and next they will be at Scotland Neck. They are part of the Home Board force that are giving a month to churches in the Tar River and Roanoke Associations."

...The Elizabeth City Advance, September 22, says: "Rev. J. A. Willoughby, who for several years has been a resident of Maple, in Currituck County, was in the city Tuesday on his way to Eastern Shore, Virginia, where he has accepted pastoral work. Mr. Willoughby was a student for the ministry at Wake Forest College and has served a number of fields in this section. He has just returned from holding a very successful meeting at Rowan Church in Sampson County, and the previous week was at his old home at Earley's Station, Hertford County, holding a meeting, in which two men sixty years of age united with the church, and the spirit of revival was pronounced the most forceful in the history of the church."

...The State-Wide-Go-to-Sunday-school Day was observed by the Raleigh saints last Sunday. At the Sunday-school of the First Church there were 777 present and the contribution for State Missions amounted to just \$150. The Tabernacle Sunday-school had 1,206 present and awarded 150 diplomas to departmental graduates, also enrolling sixty or seventy new pupils. The Pullen Memorial Sunday-school numbered about 200 and the collection for State Missions was \$30.

...The First Church, Elberton, of which Dr. W. H. Rich is pastor, sends up this year to the Sarepta Association the best report for years. During the past year there have been about eighty additions to the membership, which now numbers, after a thorough revision of the roll, 637. Nearly half of these have been added during the pastorate of Brother Rich. The gifts to missions and other purposes are larger this year than perhaps for any previous year during the history of the church.—Christian Index, Atlanta, Ga., September 21.

...Rev. Robt. P. Walker, pastor First Baptist Church of Albemarle, wrote us September 22: "I have often said that I did not see how you could get out the Recorder for only \$1.50 per annum and give us the class of paper and reading matter you have been giving us. I think you have done exactly right in raising the price to \$2. Later on in the fall I want to put on campaign for the paper among our people. Our work is making fine progress. I baptized two last Sunday. Frequently we trouble the baptismal waters. On October 1 we celebrate our first anniversary here as pastor. It has been a good year for us. We have succeeded beyond our expectations."

...From the President, Rev. David M. Ramsay, D.D., we are pleased to have the following item: "The Greenville Woman's College, Greenville, S. C., has opened session 1916-1917 with the largest enrollment in the history of the college. The enrollment of last session reached 484. The number of students now enrolled, being larger than at this time last session, gives every encouragement that the enrollment will reach the five hundred notch. This is the second largest college for women in South Carolina. The following States are represented in the student body: South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, Massachusetts, Georgia, Florida, Kentucky, and Alabama."

...The Western Recorder, September 21, says concerning a North Carolinian: "Rev. T. H. Plemmons, formerly pastor of Madison Avenue Baptist Church, Covington, Ky., now pastor of the First Baptist Church, Helena, Ark., dropped in at the Recorder office, September 14, while stopping in the city for a few hours. He had been in Covington and Cynthiana, Ky., visiting for two weeks. He left Louisville on the night of September 14 for Dawson Springs, where he spends a week. He returns from his vacation to his work in Helena, Ark., the first of October. He has been pastor in Helena for one year. During this time there were 156 added to the church. The church has been completely organized along all lines. Her contributions for the year were the best in her history. The future looks exceedingly promising. Helena is one of the leading churches of the State. Brother Plemmons is well pleased with the West. He declares that Arkansas is one of the greatest Baptist opportunities of the day."

...The French Broad Hustler, of Hendersonville, says September 21: "The 'Helpers Class,' a class of boys of the East Hendersonville Baptist Church, will receive and load a car of produce to be shipped to the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville, N. C., on Tuesday, October 10, when the people of the county are requested to bring in anything they may desire to send to the orphans. This work will be in charge of Rev. Geo. F. Wright, the teacher of the class and the work will be speedily and carefully done. The boys are enthusiastic at the opportunity of doing something for the children who are less fortunate than they, and are eager for the time to come."

...In our issue for September 13 containing Dr. H. A. Brown's very readable article on Elder Elias Dodson, we meant to call attention to the fact that Rev. B. F. Stamps, of Clinton, Ky., is preparing a biography of Brother Dodson, that he requested Dr. Brown to furnish the reminiscences which we published, and that he is very anxious to secure all other available data concerning Brother Dodson for use in the forthcoming biography. We have before called attention to this undertaking of Brother Stamps, and we do so again in the hope that a number of our readers by sending recollections of this good man may be able to help out in this commendable enterprise.

...Pastor B. Lacy Hoge, of Spurgeon Memorial Baptist Church, Norfolk, Va., wrote us September 22: "I am just home from aiding Rev. W. F. Gale, of Tyner, N. C., in two meetings. We were with him six days at Yeopim Baptist Church and had twenty-five additions to the church. We then went to Center Hill Baptist Church and spent seven days, and had twenty-eight additions to the church. We have been with Bro. Gale in four meetings. He is a fine man to work with. He is doing splendid work and his people are delighted with him. I spent the summer preaching two series of sermons to my church. We had fine congregations. Had professions of faith and additions to the church every Sunday from June 1 to the first Sunday in September, except three Sundays which were given to presenting special denominational interests."

...The dedicatory service of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., which occurred September 17, setting apart the new church building, now free from all indebtedness, marked the eighth anniversary of the coming of the present pastor, Rev. Rufus W. Weaver, D.D. The following is the summary of the eight years, 1908-1916—and it is a record in which any church and pastor might well take a pardonable pride: "New members received, 560; Money given by the members of the church for all purposes, \$122,950.47; Money given by individuals not members of the church, \$2,092; Total given for all purposes, \$125,042.47; Value of property, \$78,000; Cornerstone of the new church laid, Thanksgiving Day, November 30, 1911; The formal opening of the new building, September 7, 1913; The burning of the mortgage and the dedication of the church, September 17, 1916; Given through the Treasurer of the Immanuel Baptist Church, October 1, 1915, to September 16, 1916, \$23,081.11; Cost of new church building, organ, furnishings, including interest on money, \$50,180; Missions, education, hospitals and other philanthropic purposes, \$18,876. For the past three years the church has given \$400.00 every week for the entire period."

...To the Robesonian from Lumberton, R. 5, on September 20 wrote Rev. J. M. Fleming: "One of the most successful meetings in the history of the church at Oakton closed Sunday night, having continued eight days. The pastor was assisted by Rev. F. T. Wooten, of Chadbourne, who is one of the princeliest preachers in all the land. He is perfectly at home in the pulpit and his preaching is with power. His rich experience in grace and his broadness of scholarship, together with his great shepherd heart, qualify him for presenting the gospel message attractively. Great crowds came from far and near, despite the rains that came during the first of the week. The ordination of baptism was administered Sunday afternoon at Mr. O. T. Atkinson's mill, when eleven converts followed the example of their Lord as set forth in the New Testament. It was a beautiful scene and witnessed by an immense congregation. The pastor officiated, and to his delight overheard many expressions of entire satisfaction. It was a great week and everything contributed to the success of the meeting."

...The ordination of a promising young minister is thus reported in the Lexington Dispatch, September 20: "A fine crowd was present at Jersey Baptist Church Sunday afternoon, when Forest C. Feezor was ordained to the ministry, and under the same ceremony Messrs. Sam Sharpe and F. T. Miller became additional deacons of Jersey Church. Regular preaching services were held in the forenoon by the pastor, Rev. Henry Sheets. After this a magnificent dinner composed of all the rich delicacies known to this fine section was spread on the long table under the grove. Everybody present ate all they desired, and yet did not make much impression on the victuals. At two o'clock the way was paved for the ordination by the organization of the presbytery composed of Dr. Fred D. Hale, pastor of First Baptist Church, Lexington, Rev. J. D. Newton, of Thomasville, and Dr. M. L. Kesler, manager of the Orphanage. The candidate for ministerial honors was subjected to a soul-searching examination at length and stood the test in a manner highly satisfactory to the examining preachers. Previous to his examination he preached a short sermon on seed sowing, which made a fine impression on the congregation."

WILMINGTON ANNOUNCEMENT.

The Entertainment Committee would be glad to have a card from the messengers and visitors to the Wilmington Association so that assignments may be made before the session opens, Wednesday, October 4. Homes will be open to all however, whether the card comes or not. We are hoping for a large attendance. Let no church fail to send messengers. We are prepared to take care of the horses of those who drive in from the country churches. Come, brethren and sisters, and let us have a great session of the Association.

C. V. BROOKS, Pastor.
I. N. HENDERSON,
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A. DEMPSEY,
Committee.

Wallace, N. C.

Does not hypocrisy consist in caring little for the real goodness and usefulness of life, so long as an admirable, or at least representable, appearance can be maintained?—Fosdick.

Sunday School

Exposition by the Editor.

October 1] [International Lesson.

A PLOT THAT FAILED.

Acts 23:14-24.

Golden Text.—They shall fight against thee; but they shall not prevail against thee; for I am with thee, saith Jehovah, to deliver thee.—Jeremiah 1:19.

The night following his arrest in the Temple at Jerusalem, Paul spent in chains in the Castle of Antonia, adjoining the Temple premises. The next day he was brought before the Sanhedrin in the Temple. That night in the Castle the Lord stood by him and cheered him. The next day the plot to kill Paul was devised by forty Jews, discovered by Paul's nephew, and defeated by Lysias, the chief captain, who that evening sent Paul under heavy guard to the governor at Caesarea on the Mediterranean coast.

Paul Before the Sanhedrin.

In order to ascertain definitely the charges against Paul, the captain summoned the Sanhedrin together and brought the prisoner unbound before them. As he faced the very body to which he formerly belonged, he must have known personally and perhaps intimately a number of its members. However, his opening sentence claiming that he had lived conscientiously, was rudely interrupted by an order from the high priest that a bystander slap him on the mouth. Indignantly Paul resented the blow, saying, "God shall smite thee, thou whited wall! For sittest thou to judge me after the law, and commandest me to be smitten contrary to the law?" It was a rash utterance, as Paul at once acknowledged, but it was deserved and was prophetic of the assassination of the high priest which occurred a few years later.

Paul and the Pharisees.

Unable to make a formal defence that would be effective, Paul took clever advantage of the two parties composing the Sanhedrin by declaring himself a Pharisee on the fundamental question at issue, namely, "The hope and resurrection of the dead." For while the Pharisees believed in resurrection the Sadducees hotly denied it, and in fact, had no room in their faith for either angels or spirits. So when Paul announced his views, there was sharp and instant division among the members of the great Council. The Pharisees were especially noisy, rising and shouting, "We find no evil in this man; but if a spirit or an angel hath spoken to him, let us not fight against God." The Sadducees were probably as instant and vociferous in their outcry against the Apostle. In the midst of all, there was imminent danger that Paul would be pulled in pieces between the contending factions. The captain had therefore, to summon his guards and take the prisoner by force from the council chamber in order to get him safely back into the Castle.

Paul in the Castle.

With storm after storm of hate bursting in fury upon him, the king-like spirit of the Apostle seemed now to droop. But on the very night following his appearance before the Sanhedrin, he was cheered by the presence of the Lord who stood by him and said, "Be of good cheer,

Paul; for as thou hast testified of me in Jerusalem, so must thou bear witness also at Rome." Comforted by the presence of the Lord and confident that he would somehow in spite of all opposition, finally reach the goal of his holy ambition, he was ready to face any danger.

I.—The Plot Devised.

At the dawn of the next day forty Jews bound themselves together with an oath that they would neither eat nor drink till they had killed Paul. Into the plot they took the chief priests and elders who were to ask the captain to bring Paul, on the day following, before the Sanhedrin again; and while he was being brought the conspirators were to spring upon him and slay him.

II.—The Plot Discovered.

Apparently there was little effort to conceal the plot to get Paul out of the way, since forty men were involved in it and feeling against Paul ran high. At any rate, a son of Paul's sister learned of the conspiracy, possibly by overhearing the conspirators themselves, or perhaps by catching the common talk around the Temple. Thereupon he went directly to the Castle and told Paul about it. Taken to the captain by one of the centurions at Paul's request, the young man repeated his story of the plot and said that those who were planning it would appear presently to get the captain's promise to bring the prisoner before the Sanhedrin. The captain dismissed his informant under charge of strict secrecy, and determined to send Paul at once to Caesarea, where his case would be heard by Felix, the procurator (or Governor) of the province.

III.—The Plot Defeated.

At nine o'clock that night the captain sent Paul away on horseback under escort of two centurions, two hundred soldiers, two hundred spearmen, and seventy horsemen, with instructions to bring him safely to Caesarea. He also sent a letter to the Governor telling of his connection with the case, how he had rescued Paul who was a Roman citizen, how the appearance before the Sanhedrin had resulted in no charge worthy of bonds or death, and how on discovering the plot against the prisoner's life, he transferred the case to Caesarea. The infantry went with Paul only as far as Antipatris, which they reached the next morning. The horsemen hastened on with Paul and the letter of Lysias until they reached the seat of government at Caesarea on the coast.

Paul at Caesarea.

The guard upon their arrival at Caesarea delivered to Felix the letter of Lysias and the prisoner that he had brought from Jerusalem. As soon as the Governor had read the letter, he asked Paul from what province he was, and on learning that it was Cilicia, said he would hear the case upon arrival of the Apostle's accusers. Meantime, Paul was kept in the prison apartment of the judgment-hall, or palace, built by Herod and at this time occupied as the residence of the Roman procurator or governor of the province. We shall see that Paul was detained a prisoner here for more than two years.

Are you where God would have you be? If not, come out, and at once, for you certainly ought not to be there. If you are, then be afraid to complain of circumstances which God has ordained on purpose to work out in you the very image and likeness of His Son.—Mark Guy Pearse.

A PRAYER.

Just strength to bear, O, Lord, I ask
What e'er Thou sendest me,
And courage for my daily task,
Though lowly it may be.

Just faith to know, when clouds hang low,
Beyond the dark and night,
Thy justice and Thy truth and love,
Are just as pure and bright.

Just love to lend a willing hand,
With ready hope and cheer;
Just tenderness to find a way
To still another's fear.

And fortitude to fight despair.
To conquer with a smile
To hide my sorrows in my heart
Though it may break the while.

Just grace to check the bitter word
That wounds another heart
Ah! in my weakness, Lord, I plead
For strength to do my part.

LAURIE A. CARTER.

Winston-Salem, N. C.

REVIVAL AT CLARKTON.

Just a word in regard to our revival services recently held in the Baptist church in Clarkton.

Brother J. A. Sullivan, of Wilmington, came to us on September 4 and preached for us for ten days. It was indeed a rare treat to have Brother Sullivan with us in our meeting. I think that those who know me, know that I am not very badly afflicted with a disease that some people I know seem to have right bad, that is either blowing their own horn or that of some other fellow. I do want to say with regard to Brother Sullivan, what I am sorry that I can't say about some other brother pastors that I know, and that is, that when he goes to help a fellow in a meeting if he does not leave both pastor and people stronger in the Lord, and more loyal to each other than it is not his fault. Brother Sullivan is not paying me a thing in the world to say this, nor am I expecting him to recommend me to another field, because I am not yet wanting to leave where I am.

We had a splendid meeting, and, so far as I am able to judge, a real genuine revival of religion in our church. We had nineteen additions to our church, twelve by baptism and seven by letter; there was one converted and went to the Presbyterian church, and quite a number from each church reconsecrated themselves to the Master's services.

That was a part of the good that came from our meeting, but by no means the greater good as I see it. At the morning services Brother Sullivan taught us a series of lessons on personal work in soul-winning, using as a basis for those studies chapters in Dr. Cortland Myers' book, "The New Evangelism." He concluded those lectures by telling us about how we might become soul-winners for Christ. As a result of those lectures there were thirty-six of our own members and ten from other denominations who pledged themselves to make an honest effort for at least one year, by the help of God, to be real soul-winners. I feel like that will do our church and community more good than any other one thing that took place during the series of meetings. If I understand anything about it, that is the kind of work that we need done in our churches, the kind that is going to count for most in the way of real Kingdom building.

May I mention just one other thing in connection with our meeting? We had a double baptismal service—a thing that I had never seen before. But I think it was beau-

tiful. We gave out the announcement for our baptismal service, and then learned that a sister church, Shady Grove, was to have baptismal services at the same place just thirty minutes later. When we arrived at the mill pond we found Brother Hilburn and his candidates waiting for us, and the proposition was made that we should have a double service and we did. Each of us led in his candidates, the two lines of candidates stood facing each other, and we baptized alternately until we were through—and it happened that we each had eight to baptize. It was a beautiful, unique, and impressive service.

J. D. HOWELL.

Clarkton, N. C.

MEETING AT CLEMMONSVILLE.

A series of meetings was held in the Clemmonsville Baptist Church during the month of August. Our pastor, O. A. Keller, of Wallburg, was assisted by Dr. Claxon, of High Point, whose sermons were very able, impressive and instructive.

The meeting lasted little more than a week. As a result there have been fifteen additions to the church by baptism and one by restoration.

We are glad to note the fact, too, (possibly for the good of some other country churches) that the Clemmons Baptist Church is making some progress along other lines than that of increasing numbers. In November, 1915, Rev. C. A. Upchurch, of Raleigh, a field worker employed by the Mission Board, visited our church and delivered several lectures. At that time the church adopted the envelope system for raising funds to keep up the financial side of the work. The result and success of this system have been exceedingly gratifying.

Before the adoption of this system the church was always very discouragingly behind. At present the treasurer has at least sufficient funds on hand to meet current expenses one month ahead.

FRANK COOK.

Clemmons, N. C.

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Gastonia, First.....	85
Durham, First, A.....	85
Apex, First.....	85
Lumberton, First.....	80
Mount Airy, First.....	80
Poplar Springs.....	80
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Raleigh, Tabernacle, "Beginners".....	88
Raleigh, Tabernacle, A.....	88
Mount Airy, First.....	88

SECRETARY'S NOTES.

Three Good Inquiries:

1. Rev. S. W. Oldham, Hillsboro, writes September 5: "Please send me literature giving necessary information for the organization of a B. Y. P. U."

2. Mr. Walter M. Hollowell, Belvidere, in a letter of August 28, says: "Please forward by return mail any printed matter that will aid us in the organization of a B. Y. P. U. and oblige. Our pastor, Rev. W. F. Cale, is a live wire, and we must be up and doing."

3. Miss Mattie Livermon, Kelford, writes under date of September 18: "The young people of Kelford want to organize a B. Y. P. U. Will you kindly send the necessary information including the Manual."

Samaria B. Y. P. U. Officers.

Brother Curtis Weathers, Bunn, kindly sends the list of officers of the Samaria Union which he and Brother Clyde Moody recently organized, as follows: A. L. Murray, President; J. T. Morgan, Vice-President; Miss Fannie Cove, Secretary; Miss Lillian Morgan, Corresponding Secretary; Miss Rea Cove, Treasurer; Miss Edna Cove, Chorister; and Exum Frazier, Librarian. There were eighteen charter members. Post office address of officers is Middlesex, No. 2.

A Word From Pastor Hartsell.

Writing, September 12, Rev. Wallace Hartsell, pastor at Bunn and other churches, and a B. Y. P. U. man every inch, gives report of a perfect weekly meeting. He says: "I wish you could have been here on last Sunday night, for we had a very splendid program. Every member of the group was present, every one on duty, and every duty well done."

Asheville City Union Progressing.

We are pleased to note the progress made by the City B. Y. P. U. of Asheville, organized about a month ago, as reported by Brother Russell Brown, Secretary, under date of September 11, when he says: "We are doing nicely with the New Union; had our first meeting last Friday night. Mr. John Lawrence is making us a splendid President. Before long I will be able to send you a list of all the Unions and their officers. Hope you are getting along all right with the work in the State field. We will let you hear from us often as to our progress."

Raleigh, First, Wins City Banner for August.

Miss Elsie Hunter, Press Reporter, kindly furnishes the following report of the recent session of the Raleigh City B. Y. P. U.:

"The features of special interest at this meeting were the awarding of the City Banner for the highest grade of work done during the past month, and the discussion and partial arrangement for the Annual Training School and B. Y. P. U. Institute to be held in the city October 22-27.

"The Committee on Banner Award reported that the Senior Union of the First Baptist Church had made the highest per cent for the past month, the figure being ninety-three per cent. Of prominence in this report is the fact that the winning Union made 100 per cent on the Daily Bible Readers' Course.

"Inspirational talks along the line of the Institute were made by several members. Its importance cannot be too much stressed. Conducted by Mr. Arthur Flake, of Baldwin, Miss., Field Worker of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., and Rev. J. D. Moore, State B. Y. P. U. Secretary for North Carolina, its benefits will be lasting to those attending. All Unions in the city will co-operate and Unions adjacent to the city are invited to attend. The sessions will be held at the Tabernacle Church, and Mr. John H. Boushall is Chairman of the Institute Committee.

"A helpful open house discussion of methods for conducting the Daily Bible Readers' Course added zest and interest to the meeting."

Four Oaks to Organize.

The Secretary was pleased to be at Four Oaks Church Sunday evening, September 17, at the request of Pastor R. M. VonMiller, to present the B. Y. P. U. interests. Brother VonMiller says he intends to have his young people perfect their organization the first of October. He has a fine lot of young people, and they are enthusiastic and anxious to start. It is a most hopeful outlook, both as to the number of young people available and the spirit of service which seems to characterize them.

Greensboro City Training School.

The first annual Training School for B. Y. P. U. workers, under the auspices of the Greensboro City Union, was held September 10 to 15, at the First Baptist Church of that city. Mr. Arthur Flake, the Sunday School Board's Field Secretary East of the Mississippi River, was present and taught a large class in the Senior B. Y. P. U. Manual. Your State Secretary taught the Junior Manual, which is just from the presses of the Sunday School Board.

The classes met late in the afternoons during the week. The Juniors came together at 5:00 o'clock for an hour. The Seniors assembled at 6:00 and remained for the lunch period and the evening sessions. After luncheon and the social hour, there were addresses or conferences conducted by Secretaries Flake and Moore, after which demonstrations were given by different Unions in the city. These demonstrations were done by the Senior and Junior Unions of the First and Forest Avenue churches. On the closing night, the Forest Avenue Juniors gave a specimen Sword Drill which was one of the most entertaining features of the demonstration work.

There were forty-eight who received Certificates for work done in

the two classes. Seventeen of that number were members of the class for Juniors and nearly all of them were Juniors. Thirty-one finished the work under Mr. Flake. The results were most gratifying indeed. This is the best record made by any City B. Y. P. U. for the first Training School. Great credit is due Pastors Turner, Hilliard, and White, who went heartily into the work, leading and urging their young people on. The Unions themselves manifested great enthusiasm and consecration. Notwithstanding the degree of present excellence, the more pleasing phase of the Greensboro situation is the prospect that the best is yet to be.

Durham First B. Y. P. U.'s "Can" Their Preacher.

In our modern times, it may be more nearly the right thing to "can" the preachers than to "pound" them. At least our B. Y. P. U.'s are going to find every possible plan of doing good deeds, and invent what they cannot find. Read what Miss Hope Barker says of the B. Y. P. U. Social and "Canning Shower" given by the Unions of the First Church, Durham, to their supply pastor on a recent date. She says, "The young people of Senior B. Y. P. U.'s Nos. 1 and 2, of First Church, Durham, N. C., knowing how well all young people like to eat, especially preachers, gave a farewell surprise party and canning shower on the evening of September 4, at the church parsonage, which is now vacant, for one of their most faithful and beloved members, Rev. M. T. Rankin, who left on the following morning for Wake Forest College.

"He supplied our pulpit all summer in the absence of a pastor; he has done nobly, and has been a greater help to all our young people than we are able to say. We predict for him a great future in God's kingdom.

We knew no better way to express our appreciation of his life and service among us than this; the young men bearing all expenses of the social, the young ladies giving all kinds of canned fruit and good things for him to take to school with him for this winter. It was indeed a delightful surprise to him and he seemed deeply grateful to all.

We had good music, several games, readings, and a mock wedding, after which refreshments were served. Then all were invited into the dining room, tastefully decorated in B. Y. P. U. colors, where Mr. Ballard Walton made a presentation speech to Mr. Rankin; the cover was lifted and Mr. Rankin beheld all the good things to eat we had brought for him. After a few moments to realize what it all meant, he responded with a speech of appreciation; then led a prayer of benediction and blessing on all the young people.

No doubt some other Union would like to follow our example and give their pastor such a delightful sur-

prise. He would appreciate it, I'm sure, whether married or single.

With blessing upon all the B. Y. P. U.'s of our State."

REVIVAL AT BOYKINS, VA.

Pastor H. P. Dalton has recently concluded one of the best meetings ever held in that church, and pastor and people are rejoicing in a spiritually quickened congregation, zealous for larger and better things in the future.

The meeting continued for ten days. Dr. F. H. Martin, the beloved former pastor, of Suffolk, Va., now of Florence, S. C., assisted the pastor four days, but was compelled to leave for his new field. His masterly use of the "Sword of the Spirit" awakened saints and convicted sinners. It was a joy to all to have this man of God with them, even for so short a time. His labors will not soon be forgotten, and he carries with him the love, esteem and best wishes of Virginia Baptists, as he goes to his native State, to take up a great and growing work.

Six were received for baptism and one by letter up to the time of Dr. Martin's departure, but the pastor supported by the prayers and assisted by the personal work of his faithful congregation continued the work and up to the close of the meeting twenty-four were received for baptism and two by letter.

The past year has been one of remarkable success financially, with substantial increase in contributions to benevolence over any previous year. The Duplex Envelope system which was installed the first of the year is working nicely.

The Annual Meeting of the Blackwater Woman's Missionary Union was also held with this church on September 5, and was a decided success from every standpoint, and a great meeting.

The church has granted the pastor a month's vacation, which he will take some time in the future.

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ASSOCIATIONAL OBSERVATIONS.

One of the most striking features of the Associational gatherings of the woman's missionary organizations this year has been the thoughtful, enthusiastic and untiring help of the pastors and men in the Associations.

No weather has been too hot or too rainy for them to take out their cars, buggies and wagons to get the women to these meetings. Most patiently have they waited in the church groves, or even on the rear seats in the buildings while the programs were carried out. They have met trains, carried luggage, helped to open up lunch baskets and serve the lavish contents. They have greeted delegates and visitors with hearty cordiality and done all in their power for the Marys and Marthas, those who were listening and those who were serving.

The pastors and visiting ministers have held most instructive and interesting meetings in the evenings. The sermons and addresses have shown thoughtful preparation and appreciative and stimulating interest in the mission organizations of the women and young people.

We feel that we cannot express fully our realization of obligation to these pastors and brethren who have so largely helped in our gatherings. We realize that much of the success of our Associational meetings has been due to their willing co-operation and we extend the united thanks of the women.

PEE DEE ANNOUNCEMENT.

The Pee Dee Association will hold its annual session at Rockingham, October 3 and 4, Tuesday and Wednesday. Mrs. J. L. Everett is Chairman of Hospitality Committee. Miss Briggs and a returned missionary, Rev. B. P. Roach, will be with us. Rockingham extends a royal welcome.

MRS. T. B. HENRY.
Wadesboro, N. C.

THREE FORKS ASSOCIATION.

We held our annual meeting Thursday, September 7, at Cove Creek Church. We had an interesting program in the morning for the women and served dinner on the grounds. Then there was baptism. At two o'clock our pastor, Rev. M. A. Adams, delivered a lecture on our work showing what the women of the Southern Baptist Convention are doing. Other brethren spoke encouragingly also and the day was much enjoyed by all present.

Last Sunday I went to Forest Grove to organize a W. M. S. having been invited to come after prayerful consideration. I found them ripe for the work and the brethren stayed for the organization and helped with encouraging remarks. They enlisted twenty-one members and secured a subscription to Royal Service. We feel hopeful about the work in our Association.

MRS. D. F. HORTON,
Associational Superintendent.
Vilas, N. C.

FLAT RIVER W. M. U.

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Flat River Association met with the Stovall Baptist Church, September 12 and 13.

The enrollment the first day was very gratifying. The second day the weather was very bad, but a large

number of women came together to plan for our Master's work. There were forty Societies represented, this being the largest number ever represented at an Associational meeting. This was our seventh annual meeting and the best.

The program was interesting and was well carried out. Miss Briggs represented the Executive Committee and was most helpful in our work. She gets better and better, and our people delight to hear her.

The success of the meeting was due to the labors of our Associational Superintendent, Mrs. John Webb. She has been very faithful and is untiring in her labors. Her presence is an inspiration to our women. They love her and follow her lead with enthusiasm. She was unanimously elected for next year. Mrs. G. T. Lumpkin was elected to assist her. Mrs. C. D. Ray was elected as secretary.

The thirty churches of the Flat River Association were divided into groups of five. These are to be known as Unions and five of the most capable and active women of the Association accepted with anticipated pleasure the oversight of these Unions.

We were most graciously entertained by the people of Stovall, both in their homes and the bountiful dinner provided on the church grounds. The pastor of the church, Rev. C. A. Upchurch, gave us a stereopticon lecture, showing the work of our Home Mission Board.

MRS. G. T. LUMPKIN,
Secretary Pro Tem.
Oxford, N. C.

WOMAN'S MEETING, RALEIGH ASSOCIATION.

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Raleigh Association met with the Apex Society, Wednesday and Thursday, September 13 and 14.

We were given a most cordial welcome by the church at Apex, both men and women.

Mrs. T. B. Davis, our Superintendent, had done very faithful work, as was shown by the program. The meeting was largely attended and one was impressed with the deep spirituality and ready response of the women.

Mrs. C. E. Brewer and Miss Rosa Eroughton, of Raleigh, gave talks on Personal Service. These talks were of a practical nature and made a deep and lasting impression.

Mrs. R. D. Stephens, Mrs. Wallace Riddick, of Raleigh, and Mrs. Scott, of Cary, spoke of the Circle or Group plan, and told of its effectiveness wherever it had been tried, and urged its adoption by every Society in the Association.

Miss Bertha Carroll presented the work of the Training School in a very enthusiastic manner.

Miss Helen Whitley, of Zebulon, read a paper on "Ideals for Our Association" and made all present feel that they would like to try to reach those ideals.

Miss Louise Wilder, of Holly Springs, spoke for the Y. W. A. work, on the subject "Why Have a Y. W. A.?" and if there was a doubt in any one's mind as to the wisdom of having a Y. W. A. before she spoke, all doubts had vanished when she had finished her subject.

Miss Elizabeth Briggs presented the Sunbeam, R. A. and G. A. work showing how important this is to the life of our mission work.

Mrs. A. V. Baucom, of Apex, spoke very enthusiastically on "Systematic Giving."

Mrs. J. W. Bunn, of Raleigh, reported that the Raleigh Association has a Traveling Library and we hope to have another one soon.

There were eight members of the Central Committee present. The following officers were elected for the coming year—Superintendent, Mrs. T. B. Davis, Zebulon; Associate Superintendent, Mrs. C. W. Scott, Cary; Y. W. A. Supt., Miss Ina Ferrell, Raleigh; Sunbeam Superintendent, Mrs. Lynn, Cary; Secretary, Miss Maud Wilson, Apex. Last but by no means least, the Society of Apex served dinner on the grounds on Thursday, and they demonstrated that they were not only efficient church workers but excellent cooks.

We meet with the Cary Society next September.

MRS. JO H. WEATHERS,
Raleigh, N. C.

CHOWAN W. M. U.

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Chowan Association convened with our church at Belhaven, September 13, 1916, Mrs. W. R. Haight, our Superintendent, presiding. In the absence of Mrs. Trueblood, the appointee, Mrs. F. A. White conducted the devotional exercises.

The Union was welcomed by the leaders of the Missionary Societies of the various denominations of the town, to which a very appropriate response was made by Mrs. E. M. Sawyer. This was followed by the enrollment of delegates.

Our Superintendent gave a most encouraging report of the year's work. Following this report, our State President, Mrs. Wesley N. Jones, and Miss Beulah Bowden, a graduate of our Louisville Training School, were introduced. Then followed reports from the Societies represented. The address of Mrs. Jones was instructive and inspiring to a high degree. After the appointment of the usual committees, we adjourned to partake of a sumptuous spread on the church lawn, prepared by the ladies of Belhaven.

The Union convened in the afternoon at 1:30. Mrs. T. E. Parker conducted devotional exercises.

Mrs. Haight and Miss Bowden gave interesting reports on magazines. Mrs. N. H. Shepherd gave us an excellent paper on Mission Study Classes, showing how much good could be accomplished by organizing those classes. In the absence of Mrs. Edwin Pierce, who was asked to prepare a paper on the Louisville Training School, Miss Bowden gave us a very informing address on the inside working of the school.

At this juncture, a conference on Methods was presided over by Mrs. O. N. Marshall. Miss Nellie White gave a splendid paper on the work of the Y. W. A.; this was followed by a most helpful paper read by Mrs. D. P. Harris, on Personal Service.

It was with sincere regret that the Union was obliged, on account of her removal from the Chowan Association, to accept the resignation of Mrs. W. R. Haight, our beloved Superintendent, who has rendered most efficient service during her term of office.

The Union unanimously elected Mrs. E. M. Sawyer to succeed Mrs. Haight as Superintendent; Mrs. George V. Ashley, Vice Superintendent; Miss Beulah Bagley, Superintendent of Junior Work; Mrs. A. A. Butler, Secretary-Treasurer, to succeed Mrs. William Boetcher, whose resignation was reluctantly accepted by the Union.

At the night session after devo-

tional exercises, conducted by the pastors of the town, Dr. J. F. Love, Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, delivered a very inspiring address.

The next session of the Union will meet with the Riverside Church, near Elizabeth City.

MRS. A. A. BUTLER,
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Sawyer's Creek Ambassadors.—Crawford Upton, Z. B. Berry Jr., Jesse Perry Henderson.

REVIVAL NEAR SWANNANOA.

I just feel led to write you a short letter to let you know I am still in the battle. I have just closed a meeting of eighteen days at Berea Baptist Church. We had a good meeting. There were some as definite cases of old-time salvation as we ever witnessed.

The church was revived, and eternity alone will tell all that was accomplished.

We had with us Brother J. M. Hilliard for two services. He has improved wonderfully since coming to the mountains.

God bless the dear people of Berea. J. W. HALL.
Roan Mountain, Tenn.

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A GOOD RESOLUTION.

The following resolution was adopted by the King's Mountain Association last week. We wonder if any other Associations would be glad to take a similar step? At any rate, we republish the resolution with hearty commendation:

"Whereas, the Biblical Recorder has recently made the statement that owing to the advanced prices in print paper the present cost of producing the Recorder is greater than its income, and that a State-wide movement will be undertaken, October 1, to secure five thousand new Recorder homes by the meeting of the Baptist State Convention, and ultimately to increase its circulation to not less than 20,000 Baptist homes, therefore, be it resolved—

"That the King's Mountain Association endorses most heartily this action and purpose of the Biblical Recorder, and that the pastors, delegates, and mission society workers of this Association pledge their earnest and active co-operation in the plans adopted to carry the movement through."

THE "PULL" OF ADVERTISEMENTS IN THE RECORDER.

We wish to admit to our advertising columns only those advertisements which ought to be acceptable and really helpful to our readers. We are, therefore, anxious that our business friends who use the Recorder columns to reach our readers shall find that they have invested their money wisely. That such is the case we have every reason to believe.

Two recent expressions have reached us which we appreciate.

Rev. David M. Ramsay, D.D., President of Greenville Woman's College, Greenville, S. C., wrote us September 23: "I was very much pleased with the advertisement of the Greenville Woman's College which was placed in your paper last summer."

President C. Lewis Fowler, of Cox College, College Park, Ga., wrote us September 15: "I have been advertising in your paper during the summer months and wish to thank you for the pull your paper had in our campaign. I am glad to record the largest registration by

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far in the history of the College. Your paper is helping us greatly in our efforts to establish an All-Southern College of highest merit for our young women. I am sure you rejoice with us in our great opening."

BUIE'S CREEK NOTES.

Our enrollment is thirty-five larger than a year ago at this date. There are fifty-five counties, three States, Cuba, China, South America, represented. Outside of Harnett, Johnston County leads with twenty-three representatives, Sampson, nineteen, Robeson, eighteen, Wake, twelve, etc.

We have had to buy additional furniture for our girls' dormitory and every furnished room is filled. We can make room for four or five more.

Prof. H. F. Page our teacher of English, has been elected to the English department of the Texas A. & M. College. His work has been given to Prof. A. C. Campbell, senior English and Greek, and the junior English to Mrs. W. K. Phillips.

There were 314 present in Sunday-school last Sunday, the Berean Class alone giving \$9 to the Orphanage.

Dr. P. E. Burroughs, Nashville, Tenn., begins a meeting with us September 29. For the forty-five boys and girls on our roll I beg the prayers of your readers.

Here is the paragraph which gladdens me: Every student in school has voluntarily joined our Anti-Cigarette Club, pledging not to use cigarettes in any form, most of them pledging not to use tobacco in any form. In fact there are not twenty-five students in school who use tobacco at all.

We have a fine body of students. Fifteen young men expect to preach. I ask for the prayers of our people.

J. A. CAMPBELL.

Buie's Creek, N. C.

REVIVAL AT FAIR BLUFF.

On September 5 Rev. John W. Ham and W. Furman Betts, together with Sister Ham and Sister Betts, began a meeting with me at Fair Bluff, N. C. The meeting continued until September 17. It proved to be a season of gracious reviving.

Brother Ham is a faithful and fearless expounder of the divine message, and as the days passed by the Holy Spirit was present in His power to bless in reclaiming the backsliders, in arousing the indifferent church members, and bringing the lost ones under the influence of the gospel and to a confession of Christ as Lord and Savior.

Brother Ham's clear and powerful preaching and Brother Betts' sweet and soulful singing brought together day after day, large and ever increasing throngs of people to hear the old, old story of the cross. I have never seen so many people go forward for prayer in any one meeting in my life.

There were a great many professions of faith, and already sixty-one have joined the Baptist Church at Fair Bluff, besides several being added to some of the nearby churches.

Sunday afternoon, September 17, I baptized in the beautiful Lumber River fifty-one converts in twenty-four minutes even time. Among the company of the baptized there were perhaps not more than six children, many of them were gray-headed mothers and fathers.

Already the brethren are talking freely about two Sundays in the month preaching, and a new house

of worship, and they are amply able to do both.

It was a lovely scene Sunday afternoon when the sun was standing low in the heavens and casting its golden light on the clear waters on the beautiful Lumber. Some three or four thousand people saw fifty-one happy souls go under the wave in accordance with the divine command of their Lord. To Jesus our Lord be all the glory.

W. P. CAMPBELL.

Fair Bluff, N. C.

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We are much pleased with the latest of Dr. Myers' books: "The Man Inside—A Study of One's Self." We think it is even better than his other books, "Real Prayer," and "The Real Holy Spirit."

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greatest maxims in the philosophy of human life: "Know Thyself," by Socrates; "Control Thyself," by Aurelius; and "Deny Thyself," by Christ. The third chapter is devoted to "What Saves Me from What I Am." The answer is "Faith in Jesus Christ" which means (1) I must know the fact about Christ; (2) my heart must move toward Christ; (3) the will must accept Christ. Closing this chapter, the author says: "He that believeth with his intellect, affections, and will hath everlasting life." The last chapter discusses "What Takes Me from Where I am." Dr. Myers then speaks of death as (1) life's great change, and (2) the Christian's great gain—the gain of complete victory, of the great realities, of eternal life, and of unending friendship.

The price of the book is 50 cents net and the publishers are Fleming H. Revell Company, New York.

You must have the child's character in these four things—humility, faith, charity and cheerfulness. That is what you have got to be converted to.—Ruskin.

Know what your sin is and confess it; but do not imagine that you have approved yourself a penitent by confessing sin in the abstract.—T. L. Cuyler.

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LETTER FROM FLOWER-LAND.

You say it has been very warm weather up among the hills of the North State? Yes, I have been watching the heat register. I note that Tampa has been about the coolest place on the map so far as cities go. We have had the thermometer up to 95 2-5 this summer. That is the warmest during my three summers here.

I cannot refrain, Brother Editor, from saying that I read no paper with more refreshing editorials of point and brevity than the Biblical Recorder. In a late issue I counted nine pertinent, pointed, heart-appealing and thought-provoking editorials. We need such to provoke thought as well as to inform. May I say that we need writing that will inform, but we need that which will help people to think also.

Our pastors in Tampa have had but little of what is called vacation. Dr. Duke, of the First Church, has been away some weeks, supplying and holding meetings in your State, and Georgia, but will return this week and fill his place next Sunday. Rev. W. E. Murphy, for some time pastor at Port Tampa City, Florida, has given the summer almost to meetings in churches and missions in Tampa. He runs back to Port Tampa City, or sends a supply on Sundays. But he now resigns and gives himself to evangelism. He has held some wonderful meetings this summer.

Rev. J. C. Kazee has resigned Tenth Avenue Church, of Tampa, after three years with the church. He has done a great work. He is looking toward higher ground. He has the highlands of North Carolina in view. He has a wife and one child. They have heard so much of the beauty of the North State and its wealthfulness that they would be inclined that way if a field should open. We have many here who are from your State and they sing her praises.

W. C. GOLDEN.

Tampa, Fla.

REV. JOHN W. HAM IN DUNN.

During the present summer Rev. J. W. Ham and his co-workers have done some very important work in Harnett County. Four meetings were held in the county by these earnest workers—one at Lillington, one at Duke, one at Broadway, and one at Dunn. Some one told me that the sheriff of the county had said that these meetings had done more for temperance reform than any influence that had ever been turned loose in the county. In my judgment it would be hard to estimate the good done in these meetings.

Mr. Ham came to Dunn at the invitation of all the evangelical churches of the town. The general verdict was that he was really a great preacher. I have not heard a man who preached more faithfully the great fundamental doctrines of sin, of atonement, of regeneration under the power of the Holy Spirit of justification by faith alone, of Bible sanctification, and of the life that ought to grow out of an acceptance of those foundation principles of the gospel. He never misses an opportunity to hit sin as hard as a lick as possible. He hits sin in high places and in low places, and is as fearless as a lion in saying just what he thinks he ought to say. Of course, he was criticized severely by the forces of darkness, and he also found himself in complete disagreement with some whom I regard as good people. The truth is, it seemed to me a time or two that he raised issues where no good could come

from them. I may be mistaken, however, and each man will have to be his own judge in such matters, and leave some things to be referred to the final Judge of us all. The priest Amaziah tried to bow Amos politely out of Samaria, but the fearless prophet of Tekoa refused to be bowed out. Far be it from me to try to set aside the vessel that God is using mightily for His glory and for the good of men!

Mr. Ham's blows against formalism in the churches as well as against the hosts of wickedness outside the churches, were very severe, and certainly must bring people to think, and, I believe, have brought and will bring many to humble repentance. But, as was indicated above, it would not be fair to him to suppose that he brings simply a negative message. When he tears down his purpose is to build greater under God.

Brother Furman Betts, of Raleigh, led the singing and did it to the edification of the multitudes and to the glory of God. Mrs. Ham presided at the piano and was especially helpful also in the woman's prayer meetings, and in personal work. Bro. John Jones, of New Bern, was also a valuable helper in every phase of the work. Brother Jones is preparing himself in the Moody Bible Institute for the work of a gospel singer. He is a choice spirit, and will be used for good in his chosen work for the Master. Mrs. Betts was also a valued member of the party, and was very helpful, especially in the personal work of the meeting.

As to results, God only knows what they have been and will be. About one hundred cards were handed in giving names of those who professed conversion, but this is by no means an estimate of results. Nineteen have joined the First Baptist Church since the meeting, and about as many more names have been handed in for this church. We hope these will come on promptly and line up for the work of the Kingdom.

In all my life I have not seen a more earnest or faithful band of workers than Mr. Ham and his co-workers. I shall expect them to accomplish large things for the Master in the years to come.

W. R. CULLOM.

Wake Forest, N. C.

THREE GOOD MEETINGS.

On July 12, we began a meeting at Comer's Chapel, and continued till July 20. Evangelist L. P. Soots, of Goldston, N. C., did the preaching. This is a weak church in the midst of a Hardshell stronghold, but the Lord graciously blessed us during the meeting, and the little band stood nobly by us. Brother Soots preached the old-time gospel of Jesus Christ in its simplicity and power. He does not appeal to the emotions of his hearers and try to scare them into the church, but holds up Jesus and Him crucified as the sinner's only hope. As a partial result, the church was greatly revived and four united for baptism.

Our next meeting was with the Dan Valley Church, beginning July 22 and closing July 30. It was my good fortune to have with me in this meeting my dear old grandfather, Rev. R. H. James, of Marshville, N. C., who has been preaching about forty-six years, and is still actively engaged in the ministry, serving churches regularly. Grandfather did some old-time, soul-stirring preaching. Many old people said it was the best they ever heard. We had a great meeting. There was no great gathering, but the church was gen-

uinely revived and five or six made profession. Many of our people say it was the greatest revival in the church they ever experienced.

Our next meeting was with Beaver Island Church, beginning August 12 and closing August 21. Brother Soots helped us there. His sermons were of a high order, as they always are, and the people appreciated them. The church was greatly revived and five united with the church, four by baptism, and one by letter.

I want to commend Brother Soots to the pastors of the State, as one of the safest and sanest evangelists I know anything about. He is a true pastor's helper. He seeks to leave pastor and people more closely united everywhere he goes. His work with us was very gratifying indeed, to both pastor and people. Blessings on the Recorder family. I hope you will not lose a single subscriber because of the increased price—it was the thing to do.

GEO. W. GURLEY.

Stoneville, N. C.

A STRENUOUS REVIVAL SEASON.

After closing a successful revival at Four Oaks, N. C., which I reported in the Recorder some time ago, I began a series of meetings at Kenly, N. C. Here our cause has been weak. The Methodist and Presbyterian brethren started work at a much earlier date. For some reason or other our Baptist Church was not driving very much. In connection with my work at Four Oaks I serve this church as pastor. After doing some foundation work for several months, I began a revival service there on July 3. Brother Jas. A. Clarke, of the First Church at High Point, assisted me in these meetings. From the very start he made a fine impression on the community and his cheerful disposition and splendid sermons he preached have made for him many friends at Kenly. Brother Clark is a forceful preacher and a fine helper to the pastor. We anticipate great things of Brother Clarke's ministry. We had several additions by baptism and letter.

From this meeting I went to the Pauline Baptist Church, situated ten miles from Four Oaks, and while the weather was very unfriendly we had a very helpful meeting at the close of which two joined the church. From here I went to Blackman's Grove Baptist Church and began a meeting which was unusually large in attendance which lasted for nine days and the attendance increased daily. At the close we baptized several.

A feature connected with this church worth mentioning is—that when I filled my next monthly appointment I received four more for baptism and while preparing for the baptism of these, another elderly sister requested to be baptized. From here I went to Oliver Grove Baptist Church, an old but weak church four miles from Four Oaks, situated among a strictly Primitive Baptist community. We had a good meeting and the attendance was especially good at night. Two joined this church. In these last three meetings I had no help and the strain was quite severe, but I feel greatly refreshed in the thought that each church is in a better driving condition.

At Four Oaks we are now planning the organization of a B. Y. P. U. And our new church building is under the way. It has been a very strenuous season, yet the dear Lord has wonderfully blessed us.

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Obituaries

Whiteside.—Henry Knox Whiteside, son of H. M. Whiteside, Mill Spring, N. C., was born December 10, 1892; died July 7, 1916. He professed religion and joined the Baptist Church at the age of thirteen, and remained a faithful member until God called him home. The writer visited him often during his illness. He talked freely of his hope of heaven. Three days before his death he told me he had no fear of death. When dying he was asked if God was with him. He clasped his hands and answered, yes. May God bless the bereaved family left behind.—Rev. W. W. Womack.

Cooke.—Arabella Garner was born in Granville County, N. C., May 11, 1849. While quite young she joined Brassfield Baptist Church. On December 19, 1872, she was married to Mr. James H. Cooke, of Franklin County, N. C. July 6, 1916, at her home near Franklinton, she died, leaving two brothers, two sisters, a husband, three children and twelve grandchildren. Her mother and father had long before preceded her to her final resting place.

Her husband has lost a true wife, her children an affectionate mother, others of us a true friend, all of us a good neighbor. She was kind, unassuming, good-humored, looking on the bright side, making the best of the present and hoping for better things in the future.

Let us thank God for such a life as hers here among us. Let us thank Him for her faith, for her loyalty to the cause of righteousness, and for the bright hope she has left behind, and thanking God for all of these, let us not sorrow as we would for one having no hope.

Her funeral services were conducted in Wesley's M. E. Church, which was near her home, at her request, by her pastor, Rev. G. P. Harrill, assisted by Revs. Mr. Buffalo and Parker. The remains were laid to rest in the old Garner burying-ground beneath a beautiful and profuse bed of flowers and in the midst of an immense congregation of friends and relatives by which can easily be attested the respect and esteem with which she was regarded.—A Loved One.

Furches.—Samuel Vance Furches was born July 16, 1860, died September 16, 1916; age fifty-six years and two months. He married Miss Bell L. Tatum, September 29, 1886. To this union were born six children, four boys and two girls. One boy and one girl preceded him to the spirit world. Mrs. May Bell Howell and Eliza Lewis, Samuel Wade, and Frank Royall Furches, of Farmington, survive and mourn his death.

His first wife died December 22, 1897. He married Miss Ada Conrad, April 16, 1908. To this union was born one son, John Conrad, February 12, 1912. His last wife and son are also left to mourn their loss with two sisters, Mrs. H. S. Smith, Petra Mills, N. C., and Mrs. Chas. Sheek, Portsmouth, Va., and two half brothers, L. M. and D. K. Furches, of Farmington, N. C.

He professed faith in Christ and joined Eaton's Baptist Church when fifteen or sixteen years old.

He was one of the thirty-nine charter members of Farmington Baptist Church, which was organized December 29, 1878. He was clerk of his church and remained a faithful member until death. His wife, children, brothers, sisters, and a

large number of relatives and friends are in sorrow and grief because of his sudden and untimely death.

Farmington Baptist Church has lost a loyal member, Davie County one of her best citizens, and his wife and children a devoted and affectionate husband and father. May the Lord bless and sustain all, especially his wife and children whom he loved so well.

Let us all watch and be ready, for death may come when we least expect it.

"Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors and their works do follow them." Rev. 14:13.—His pastor, S. W. Hall, Advance, N. C.

LETTER FROM PO-CHOW, CHINA.

During our Baptist Conference at Chofoo I met and had fellowship with Brother W. C. Newton and family for the first time since I was his family's pastor and he my "little boy" twenty-eight years ago in Durham. I had barely met him once before in China.

He is counted one of our best missionaries in North China Mission, in fact they about all seem to belong to the class of "the best." Brother Newton has a large family of interesting children. They are sending three to Shanghai to school this autumn. Till now they have received all their education in their mission station and always been in the home.

It was a great joy to be again in the region where I landed twenty-seven years ago and see the marvelous changes and progress then till now. Then in the North China Mission we had only three missionaries, actually on the field, now about fifty; then 140 Baptist church members in the Province, now over 8,000; then only two stations at which foreigners lived, now six. Then there was no Interior Mission, now our Interior Mission has more workers and native membership than all Central and North China Mission had then. Political and material changes have been as great in these twenty-seven years.

There are some signs that point to more freedom and open-mindedness toward the Gospel message than ever. Under the new president, Li Yuan Hung, who seems, though not so strong a man in some ways as Yuan Shi Kai, yet more genuine and sincere. He and his co-partners in government greatly need the sympathy and prayers of God's people all over the world.

Mrs. Bostick and I greatly enjoyed a visit to my married daughter in Peking on our way to Chofoo. It is a great city. From it are governed more people than from any other capital in the world, I believe.

My brother's family are at the hills, while he is aiding in a summer Bible class at Kaifungfu, where more than one hundred are studying. We are keenly rejoicing in the great hope that the Foreign Mission debt is paid. God help many to keep up and others to learn sacrificial giving.

G. P. BOSTICK.

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862.79. Total this year, \$5,033.21.
Sunday-Schools.—Sandy Run, \$5; Littleton, 1.65; Wake Forest, 7.92; Cherryville, 5; Green's Cross Roads, 1; Johnson, 5; King's Mountain Asso., 2; S. S., Severp, 5; Bethlehem, 1; King's Mountain Asso., 1; Meherrin, 5; Bethlehem, 2; W. Ave., Statesville, 5; Rhodhiss, 3. Total this week, \$49.57. Previously reported, \$1,216.50. Total this year, \$1,266.07.

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REV. W. B. RIVENBARK AND HIS WORK.

Having been associated in evangelistic meetings two weeks with the pastor, W. B. Rivenbark, of the Wilmington and Eastern Associations, I feel let to say a few words about this noble man and the work he is doing for God and humanity.

The first week we spent with him was at Bear Marsh Church, near Mt. Olive, N. C. This church is strong in membership numbering about 230. We found the entire membership standing firmly behind their pastor and ready to follow wherever he leads. He is leading them out of the old ruts and rapidly carrying them to nobler and higher planes of Christian living.

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Pastor Rivenbark is one of the strongest men in the Association and is wielding a mighty influence for the Kingdom of God.

We have never spent two weeks of sweeter fellowship than, the two weeks spent with this godly man. We hope that his people will realize that in him they have, not a weakling, but a real man whose heart is on fire for God.

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APPRECIATION OF REV. J. W. ROSE.

Pastor J. W. Rose has resigned as pastor of the Graham Baptist church, Graham, N. C., after a pastorate of four years; therefore, be it resolved:

(1) That we are indeed grateful for the warm fellowship, the devoted service, the gospel preaching, and the truly great zeal and interest that marked J. W. Rose's leadership among us.

(2) That J. W. Rose is appreciated because he preaches the Word of God true to the Holy Book, pointing lost men and women to Him who alone can save.

(3) We, as members of the Graham Baptist Church, on the departure of our loved pastor, J. W. Rose,



from the work he has so diligently and faithfully performed in our midst, regretfully give him up to go elsewhere.

(4) That the congregation of our church will greatly miss the gracious presence of our beloved pastor, that we express to him hereby our great love and our deep appreciation of his labors and assure him that his memory will be deeply engraved in our hearts. We commend him to the keeping of the ever-living and all-wise God and wish him every success and happiness all through life.

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NEW CHURCH NEAR KINSTON.

Following a very successful series of meetings at Grainger's Station, near Kinston, conducted by Brother C. W. Blanchard, a Baptist church was organized.

Sunday afternoon (September 17) the following deacons were ordained: Fred Jones, D. W. Hamilton, W. C. Stewart, Homer Aldridge. Personal illness prevented C. A. Broadway from being present.

Rev. C. W. Blanchard, New Bern; Rev. W. M. Craig, pastor First Baptist Church, Kinston; Wm. Hays, chairman board of deacons First Baptist Church, Kinston; and K. R. Curtis took part in the ordination services.

It seems that these people have waited long for some one to come. There are other sections in this part of the State.

K. R. CURTIS.

Kinston, N. C.

TAKING A FORWARD STEP.

[Asheville Times, Sept. 18.]

The Biblical Recorder, the State organ of the Baptist denomination and published at Raleigh announces the appointment of Rev. C. J. Thompson as circulation manager, the appointment taking effect October 1.

This is an advanced step in religious newspaper work in this State but a step which is decidedly wise, according to the vision of the secular newspaper maker. Religious newspapers from time immemorial have had a hard road to travel—and just why has always been an unsolved problem. Presumably the denominational endorsement would give the denominational organ a prestige and support without particular effort—but in fact such has not been the result. The several denominations have felt and still feel the necessity of publishing newspapers devoted largely to the promulgation of their denominational matters but the business has, with few exceptions, been unprofitable. It has been hard in many instances to even make expenses.

In taking the forward step, the appointment of a circulation manager, The Recorder says, "The present circulation of The Recorder is only twelve thousand copies weekly—about what it was nine years ago, while the denomination has vastly increased in numbers, in wealth, power and influence. In the present newspaper stringency The Recorder with its present circulation and advertising income is not making expenses."

The question of making a religious newspaper a success, both in circulation and advertising patronage presents the same problems which face

any other newspaper publisher, although these problems are not to be solved in identically the same manner. Business methods must be applied and methods that are modern. Secular newspapers to be successful must have departmental organization. Religious newspapers would likely be more successful if the same plan were followed.

The Recorder recognizes this in the appointment of a circulation manager. In the selection of Dr. Thompson, a man well and favorably known, has been chosen. The Times congratulates The Recorder and hopes that the work may be successful and that the circulation of the paper may be as large as it deserves—it is one of the leading denominational journals of the South, recognized as one of the best. Baptists should give it their hearty support.

FIFTY YEARS OF FRUITFUL SERVICE.

[Monroe Enquirer, Sept. 21.]

Rev. J. A. Bivens, of Wingate, was here last Monday and in course of conversation with a friend he stated that it had been nearly fifty years, will be fifty years some time in October, since he preached his first sermon and entered the ministry. During the half a century since that sermon was preached "Uncle Joe" has been in the active ministry of the Baptist church and he is still active and is one of the best pastors to be found anywhere. "I remember my first text," said Uncle Joe. "It was Job thirty-fifth chapter and tenth verse: 'But none saith, Where is God my maker, who giveth songs in the night.'" Uncle Joe has not kept a record of sermons he has preached, nor of miles traveled, but during the fifty years of his ministry he has preached thousands of sermons and if the traveling he has done had been in a straight line he would have circumnavigated the globe more than twice. He has been faithful in his ministry, and his preaching has been such that men have been made better by hearing it. He is strong in the belief of the doctrines of his denomination, but during the half century of his ministry no one has ever heard Uncle Joe say a harsh thing about another denomination or a word that would wound the feelings of any fellow Christian. He loves to preach a gospel of love and of tenderness. When nearly half a century ago he stood and preached to the people about "Him who giveth songs in the night," he struck the keynote of his own life. Now, this is not written to say that Uncle Joe

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has finished his work, for he has not finished it. He carries his nearly fourscore years well and he can ride for miles any day and preach a good sermon and frequently does that very thing. The empty sleeve by Uncle Joe's right side tells more eloquently than can words the sacrifice that he made to the Confederacy. In battle his good right arm was torn away, but that left hand has been reached out in sympathy and in love to many a poor fellow who was finding the battle of life hard and the way rough.

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WATCH YOURSELF GO BY.

Just stand aside and watch yourself go by;
Think of yourself as "he," instead of "I."
Note closely as in other men you note
The bag-kneed trousers and the seedy coat.
Pick flaws; find fault; forget the man is you,
And try to make your estimate ring true.
Confront yourself and look you in the eye,
Just stand aside and watch yourself go by.
Interpret all your motives just as though
You looked on one whose aims you did not know.
Let undisguised contempt surge through you when
You see you shrink, O commonest of men!
Despise your cowardice; condemn whatever
You note of falseness in you anywhere.
Defend not one defect that shames your eye—
Just stand aside and watch yourself go by.
And then, with eyes unveiled to what you loathe—
To sins that with sweet charity you'd clothe—
Back to your self-walled tenement you go
With tolerance for all who dwell below.
The faults of others then will dwarf and shrink;
Love's chain grow stronger by one mighty link—
When you, with "he" as substitute for "I,"
Have stood aside and watched yourself go by.
—Strickland W. Gillian, in The Forecast.

POLLY'S PAPER.

While Polly was the youngest member of the Girls' Missionary Society, she was much the busiest. Probably the others did not realize how much she did, because they did so much less themselves. Polly often longed to do things that she thought were worth while, but she said little about it.

Miss Perry met her one morning hurrying along.

"Polly," began Miss Perry. "I wonder if you wouldn't write a paper for our meeting Thursday afternoon? Gladys Trent, who was to have written it, has gone away for a month. The thought came to me that probably you would undertake it. The subject is, 'Our Greatest Missionaries.' Very inspiring, don't you think?" Polly's face sparkled.

"Indeed, it is, and I'd love to try if you think I can. Not half enough nice things are said about our missionaries, anyway. But somehow I never do have time to do the thing I like. However, I'll do my best."

"I'm sure you will," smiled Miss Perry. Miss Perry belonged to one of the wealthy families in Granby, with servants to do the work. With the others, she did not realize how much little Polly Allen did in the small brown house where there was so much to do and so little money to do with. If she had, she would hardly have asked Polly to write that paper. But when the afternoon of the missionary meeting came, it was a very disconsolate little Polly who came into it. She wore a white shirt waist with skirt that she

had washed and ironed herself. Her brown hair was tied with a blue ribbon.

"Now," smiled Miss Perry, when Polly's turn on the program came, "we will have the pleasure of listening to Miss Polly Allen's paper on 'Our Greatest Missionaries.'"

Polly flushed painfully all over her sweet face. The number of girls there made it doubly hard and every one of them was looking at her.

"I'm sorry," she began, "but I did not get any time at all to write until yesterday. Grandma has been sick and so has father, but yesterday I thought I'd surely write it. I got up early yesterday to begin it, but the first thing mother discovered was that she was out of coffee. I had to run to the store for that; then after breakfast, when I didn't see any reason why I couldn't begin, Mrs. Mills took sick and I had to go down town and get her prescription from the doctor filled. That took some time. Then when I got back home, little Teddy Higgins came in crying. His father had broken his leg and he wanted mother to telephone for Doctor Grimes. Mother was so nervous she couldn't, so I got the doctor over the telephone and stopped Teddy's sobs by telling him his father would be all right soon and making him eat some peaches and gingersnaps. After that, mother wanted to send some apple jelly over to old Mrs. Powell. She fell and cut her forehead two days ago. I got back from there, when Maggie, the little girl next door, broke her best doll and I mended that. I couldn't refuse, for I knew just how she felt. When that was done, Willie, my little brother, tore his overalls climbing the cherry tree and begged me to patch them. I did that, and by that time grandma had lost her glasses and it took me fifteen minutes to find them. Then it was time to help mother hang up the clothes and too late to begin my paper that morning. Of course, I could have shut myself up in my room and written my paper, anyway, but it didn't seem hardly right with so many wanting things. In the afternoon mother had to entertain the Aid Society and I had to freeze ice cream for them and serve it, too. After that it was time to help mother with supper." Polly paused. A glint of tears shone in her brown eyes.

"I am so sorry and I do hope all of you will excuse me. Maybe by the next meeting I will have more time and can do better."

No one said a word. The girls were looking at Polly a little curiously.

Miss Perry was silent. Then, without saying a word, she went up to Polly and laid an arm about her shoulders.

"Polly, dear," she said in a voice that was just a little husky, "you are very excusable." She paused. "I think the glimpse you have given us of your busy, helpful life is a much better paper than any you could write. We shall not miss not hearing about our greatest missionaries, since we have such a real little missionary at home."

Polly flushed again, all over her sweet little face.

"Oh," she cried, "Am I really that? I get so discouraged thinking I can't do anything."

"Really," smiled Miss Perry.

"Really," echoed every member of the Girls' Missionary Society, with a new comprehension of Polly in the little brown house.—Baptist Boys and Girls.

Do not think it wasted time to submit yourself to any influence that will bring upon you any noble feeling.—Ruskin.

DEEP BREATHING.

One day a young man found that he needed stronger lungs. So he began taking lung exercises. Every day he filled his upper lungs, breathing in until his chest was expanded as much as possible. Then he filled the lower part of his lungs. Then his entire lungs. He did these things fifteen or twenty times a day for several years. At the end of those years a physician who examined him said he did not believe there was a better pair of lungs in that part of New England.

Now, you notice what it was that gave that young man those lungs. It was not breathing that did it. Everybody breathes. In order to live, people have to take fresh air into their lungs and let it out again. It was not breathing that gave him his strong lungs; it was deep breathing; it was taking in, day after day, more air than people usually do.

This helps us to understand something else.

Air is all around us; we are always breathing air; but we have to practice deep breathing in order to get strong lungs. So, too, it is in our relations with God. God is everywhere. He is always with us.

"Nearer is He than breathing.

Closer than hands and feet."

But still God does not seem to help and use most of us very much. Why is this? It is because most of us take just so much of God as comes to us naturally, without making any try to get more of Him. But when we pray, when we read God's word, when we try to know and do His will—when, day after day, we do this thoughtfully, earnestly, honestly—then we find that God helps us more than He did before.

This is what the Bible means when it says, "Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you." (Jas. 4:8.)—Exchange.

RAISING PANSIES.

Anyone who has raised pansies feels repaid when the blooms appear as so many sunny faces. But there is a monetary point of view also.

Purchase seeds from reliable seedsmen, always selecting bright colors, especially the pretty shades of lavender and yellow. Early in September show the seeds in rows in the open ground, being very careful to label each row. When three leaves have developed on the plants transplant them into hotbeds of rather rich soil, putting them three inches apart, and keeping them shaded and watered until the roots have a firm hold. Just before frost, cover with glass, and should the winter be very severe, an extra covering of old carpet or bags should be given them at night.

It may be necessary to experiment a little with the pansies at first, as the time of planting and the care of the plants would vary in different sections on account of climatic conditions.

During the winter months while the pansies are growing, tell your friends about them and, if possible, take orders for early beds. Later advertise in a good local paper. As soon as all danger of frost is past the plants, which are now vigorous and compact, can be put into four-inch pots that cost but little if bought wholesale.

The pansies are now ready for delivery at 10 cents a plant. This will prove quite a profitable venture if well managed.—Mrs. John Ward, in Farm and Fireside.

Prayer is not an accidental expression that comes suddenly to the mind; it is the soul's recognition of its need.—Statham.

Spice Box

"What is that scratch on your arm, Jamie?"

"Oh, I hit it with the cat!" was the unconcerned reply.

I asked her what she was doing: After yawning, she turned about, and said, as a matter of course, "Why, I'm letting the tired out?"

Two laborers were trying to place a stone in position on the foundation wall of a new building. A crowd was standing around looking on, and each one offered his criticism and counsel freely and loudly, but did not so much as lift a finger to help.

"That reminds me of our church work," said a passerby to his companion.

"Why?"

"Because," was the reply, "two men are doing the work and twenty are doing the talking."

An evangelist was once conducting joint revival meetings in the two churches, Methodist and Presbyterian, in a small town. Children's meetings were held every day at the close of school, first in one church and then in the other. One day two girls who attended the Presbyterian Church were discussing the meeting which was to be held in the Methodist Church that afternoon, when Mary asked:

"What would you do if they should ask you to pray?"

"I wouldn't do it," answered Martha. "I'd just tell them I'm a Presbyterian."

Senator Lodge was talking in Boston about certain investigating committees. "They are like the brook," he said, "they flow on forever. Some of them, in fact, remind me strongly of St. Hoskins. St. Hoskins got a job last spring at shooting muskrats, for muskrats overran the mill-owner's dam. There, in the lovely spring weather, St. sat on the grassy bank, his gun on his knee, and finding him thus one morning, I said: 'What are you doing St.?' 'I'm paid to shoot the muskrat, sir,' he answered. 'They're underminin' the dam.' 'There goes one now,' said I. 'Shoot, man! Why don't you shoot?' St. puffed a tranquil cloud from his pipe and said: 'Do you think I want to lose my job?'"

It would indeed be a queer bishop who could not tell a good story on himself. The late Bishop Dudley, of Kentucky, was wont to relate with much relish an interesting experience which he once had in connection with waffles.

At a fine old Virginia homestead where he was a frequent guest the waffles were always remarkably good.

One morning, as breakfast drew near an end, the tidy little linen-coated black boy who served at table approached Bishop Dudley and asked in a low voice:

"Bishop, won't y' have 'n'er waffle?"

"Yes," said the genial bishop, "I believe I will."

"Dey ain' no mo'," then said the nice little black boy.

"Well," exclaimed the surprised reverend gentleman, "if there aren't any more waffles, what made you ask me if I wanted another one?"

"Bishop," exclaimed the little black boy, "you's done et ten a' ready, I t'ought y' wouldn't want no mo'."