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THEY DIDN'T THINK

Once a trap was baited With a piece of cheese; It tickled so a little mouse It almost made him sneeze. An old rat said: "There's danger. Be careful where you go!" "Nonsense," said the other. "I don't think you know!" So he walked in boldly— Nobody in sight; First he took a nibble, Then he took a bite; Close the trap together Went as quick as wink, Catching mouse fast there, 'Cause he did not think. Once there was a robin Lived outside the door, Who wanted to go inside And hop upon the floor. "No, no," said its mother, "You must stay with me; Little birds are safest Sitting in a tree." "I don't care," said robin, And gave his tail a fling; "I don't think the old folks know quite everything. Down he flew and kitty caught him Before he'd time to blink; "Oh," he cried "I'm sorry, But I did not think."

-Anonynous.

A REAL LIVE CHURCH.

BY J. F. JACOBS

The writer knows of two churches in a nearby city which, for many years languished, showing but little growth or progress in any direction. Their pastors concluded that the lethargy of their people was due to the fact that they were not fully informed about church work, and did not keep up with the progress of the denomination; that they had too little religious literature.

These pastors determined that every family in their congregations should receive their church paper.

A plan was laid before the governing body of each of these churches—first, to canvass the congregations and find out what families were subscribers to church papers and what families were not—second, to extend that canvass so as to induce all of the families which were not subscribing for their church paper to subscribe at once and become regular readers of the church paper; and third, after this canvass was completed a fund was raised with which to send the church paper free of charge to these families which were not able to subscribe for it at their own cost. This work required no great amount of effort. The pastors explained the importance of having every family thoroughly acquainted with all the details of the church work, with all the interests of the denominations. They explained that even such worldly organizations as fraternal orders, labor unions, social organizations, and even unorganized trades have their representative organs with large distribution among the people interested, and that as a result great progress was made. They explained that the church could not reach its largest development until every member is put in closest touch with all of the various causes of the church and with the development of the church in all of its departments by being induced to read the church paper closely each week.

The members of these congregations saw the importance of this step. A large number of them subscribed. The old subscribers renewed their subscriptions. A fund was quickly raised among the more substantial members to send the church paper to all the less prosperous families, and the publishers of the church papers were advised that this policy would maintain year after year.

As a result these two churches have grown wonderfully in membership. Their people have been kept informed about church progress in all of its details. They now take a live interest in all church affairs. Two important institutions of the church have been developed by these church or-

WONDER, LOVE AND PRAISE.

Love divine, all love excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down! Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, All Thy faithful mercies crown; Jesus, Thou art all compassion, Pure, unbounded love Thou art; Visit us with Thy salvation, Enter ev'ry trembling heart. Finish then Thy new creation, Pure and spotless may we be; Let us see our whole salvation Perfectly secured by Thee; Changed from glory into glory, Till in heav'n we take our place; Till we cast our crowns before Thee, Lost in wonder, love and praise.

ganizations and have grown to large importance in the city in which these two churches are located. The work of the pastors is wonderfully enlarged, and at the same time made pleasant, because it is more interesting.

These two churches would not be without their church paper going into the home of every member of the congregation if the cost of the church paper were several times as great as it is.

If you would like your church to be a real live church adopt this plan. You will double the efficiency of your pastor and of your church officers, and of your membership. And if you have financial problems this policy will solve them, for the congregation when kept informed of the various interests of the church, at once wonderfully increases liberality, and the difficulty of raising money absolutely disappears.

It is unfair to the pastor not to circulate the church paper in every home.

UNION MEETING HOLLY SPRINGS.

Owing to the weather, the union did not meet on Friday but met Saturday before 5th Sunday in December, 1912.

We organized by electing Eld. L. T. Phillips moderator who called to his assistance W. M. Howitt.

The following com. were appointed: Devotional: W. G. Pittman, Willie Holland, and M. H. Johnson.

Mission: J. I. Blanchard, E. G. Holland, and Howard Watson.

Finance: J. C. Bunn, and T. A. Morris.

Temperance: J. I. Blackman, J. H. Whitley, and Hardy Borkin.

Union, being duly organized praise and prayer was offered by moderator.

On motion, we receive the resolutions passed at last union in regard to a committee calling the churches aside from the regular union meeting work for the representation of churches and taking the contribution. On motion, the matter of Stancill's Chapel, be left with the Evangelist, and he report at next union.

LARGEST ENROLLMENT IN HISTORY.

Blon College, N. C., Jan. 23

The editors of the Phippsville, College Annual, are hard at work and expect to make it a complete mirror of the College life and activities.

The Executive Board of Trustees of the College held a business session last evening in the President's Office with a full attendance. It was decided to equip the East End of the first floor of the new Gymnasium and Dormitory as a Chemical and Physical Laboratory and to fit it up with every modern appliance. The scientific department has outgrown its present quarters in the Administration Building and the new arrangement was necessary. The rooms previously used as a Chemical Laboratory will henceforth be used as a Physical Laboratory.

A movement is on foot in the town to have the local graded school turned into a practice school under the Department of Education of the College. Advocates of the movement think it holds a mutual advantage for both the College and the community and believing that a longer school term will be the ultimate result.

Dr. T. C. Amick's class in public speaking now has more than sixty members and is one of the most popular of recent enrichments of the curriculum. The class meets in the afternoon and is very enthusiastic.

The enrollment for the year has reached a total of 352 to date, distributed as follows: Graduate Department, 33; Normal Department, 17; Collegiate Department, 302.

W. A. MARVER, President and Correspondent.

Art is the expression of man's joy in his work.—E. P. Cabbard.

A BLESSING IN DISGUISE.

We once heard an old man say that he never knew but two men who really loved to work. His idea was that people in general work merely for the sake of the result. If they could have the rewards of labor without the labor they would not work. If the miner could get the gold without digging for it he would not dig; if the farmer could have a harvest without ploughing and sowing and hoeing, he would neither plough, nor sow, nor hoe. Certainly the condition under which we live are not in harmony with the wishes of the majority. The ideal life is the optimum digulate, a life of leisure with dignity, a life free from the demands of business with high social position. Those who are telling in hope are looking forward to this consummation. The lot of those who can hope for no such goal is to be pitied. The general idea is that work should be done by and obviate the necessity for work; that the appropriate compensation for toll is the attainment of a condition when toll should no longer be compulsory.

A truer conception of work is that it is not merely a disagreeable means to an desirable end, but that it is an end in itself. Apart from its rewards it serves a beneficent purpose. Better is it that we should work for what we get than that we should get it without work, if this were possible. "I have great faith in hard work," said Dr. William Ellery Channing. "The material world does much for the mind by its beauty and order; but it does more for our minds by its obstinate resistance which nothing but patient toil can overcome by its vast forces which nothing but unremitting skill and effort can turn to our use, by its perils which demand continual vigilance, and by its tendency to decay. I believe that difficulties are more important to the human mind

than what we call assistance. Work we all must, if we mean to bring out and perfect our natures."

We are more important than our achievements; more worth consideration than the fruits of our toil. "The life is more than meat, and the body than raiment." God has fixed our condition, and made work a necessity. He had in view what work can do for us rather than what we can secure by means of work. The difficult processes by which we are putting bread in our mouths and clothes on our backs are the beneficent processes by which our gifts and graces, our powers and potentialities are being developed. Owing to our vis inertia, which is a polite name for laziness, we need a compulsory system of education. This is provided for us in the mandate which say, "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread."

There is yet another beneficent aspect of labor. It keeps us out of mischief. "The Devil still finds work for idle hands to do." This adage means that when we are not working for ourselves we are very likely to take service under his Satanic majesty. Wise old Dr. Samuel Johnson said, "The most innocent way for men to spend their time is in making money." It is true that in making money an inordinate greed may develop to harden the heart and dwarf the nature. We are so perverse that nothing can hedge us completely from going the wrong way.

But the best that can be done for us under the circumstances is to force us to employ our strength of mind and muscle in useful occupation. This is the way we treat criminals, doom them to hard labor. God is not quite so hard on us. He allows the opportunity of some success from toll; but He is not overgenerous in this direction. "If any one will not work neither shall he eat." God prescribes starvation for the idler. He puts no prize in the reach of the loafer; He bars the road to success against him who will not strive. Obviously our heavenly Father means to keep us busy. He knows that if He should arrange for us to have a long holiday we should get badly demoralized. He knows that the adversary of souls is baiting his traps for those who have nothing to do but to kill time.

Spiritual blessings, like material gifts, come as the result of effort. The progress of the kingdom, in our hearts and in the world, is dependent on constant striving. We need not get impatient at the incessant appeals made for money and prayers and service. We should accept labor as our God appointed lot. It is, however, the appointment of His wisdom and love. It is an essential part of His redeeming love. By this means He is redeeming those who labor and give and pray at the same time that He is using their efforts to redeem those for whom they labor and give and pray.

Moral: "Let us not be weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."—Peter 1:3

SILENT MESSENGERS.

BY MOLLIE S. RUNCORN.

Each morning as the rough, uncooth tollers entered the dingy mine their glances instinctively sought a certain space in the dark, dust-covered wall, where, in its spotless loveliness, grew an exquisite, snowy flower. Its silent message touched a finer chord, and awakened a nobler instinct in each heart. And some way because of the lingering memory of this tiny blossom the monotonous routine of the day seemed a little less irksome and the hours just a little shorter. And then when the day's work was done the beautiful flower still breathed its fragrant message to each weary heart.

No one could see its source, for it was closely surrounded by the rocky walls, but continually it renewed its waxen flower. Had it bloomed in the midst of a Christ's garden or among the flowers of the field it would have lost none of its purity and sweetness but would have been passed by more or less unnoticed. The very darkness of its surroundings made it noticeable, and accentuated its radiant whiteness.

How like that lovely flower is the life of the young Christian, with its invisible, yet limitless and everlasting source! The very sweetness of youthful, Christlike purity in the midst of sin-darkened surroundings is a constant, silent, convicting force, and an inspiration, and an incentive, awakening latent higher and finer instincts.

The one who lives such a life is irreprouchable and sets such a beautiful example may never realize the extent of good which his influence has done. In fact, he may feel incapable of accomplishing good, or being a means in affecting any soul's regeneration; but no life that is consecrated to God and controlled by his infinite wisdom is incapable of inspiring others to a higher life. The little flower did not know of its kindly mission, nor of the sunshine and brightness that it radiated, but the fact remained unchanged.

No one is capable of exerting a greater influence for good, than the young. For youth with its attendant buoyancy, vitality, and love of pleasure, and amusement is expected to be found following after these elusive, effervescent qualities, and to find it concentrating this same youthful enthusiasm to the upbuilding of God's kingdom, and to Christian principles never fails to awaken more serious thought in the minds of both young and old. The absence of slang phrases and idle words from his conversation, of frivolity from his conduct, and the very kindness and unselfishness that pervades his personality leave a lasting impression.

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AYDEN, N. C., Feb 5, 1913.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Our paper has been robbed of one of its best contributors Dr. Peden has passed into the glory world.

Spring Hill Church comes to the front, with contribution for debt on the dormitory to the amount of \$15 00.

We want some active young lady to take the cause of the BAPTIST at heart and see just what they can do for the paper the coming year in each community.

The committee have under consideration, provided proper arrangements can be made with the bank here, to extend time on the 20 per cent proposition on bonds, for at least a month or so.

If you have asked for guidance and have then done your duty as you saw it, take for granted that your prayer was answered and cease to worry over the matter.

OUR SCHOOL.

The Spring term of the school has opened well, with most of the old, and some new students in attendance.

I am sure, that every one who tries will master their studies, because, we have a faculty who delighted in explaining all problems with which the students come in contact.

The school is growing, because of the faithful work that is being done, however, we must do more.

We need the school, because it will help any minister, who wishes to carry the glad tidings of great joy, and in order to support the school, we must put forth every honest effort possible.

We lack many things yet, that we ought to have, to make the school a decided success.

We need a dormitory for the young men, and before we get this we must pay the debt, which is against the girls dormitory.

This would be an easy matter if every one who is interested in the advancement of the cause, will get to work with all their might.

Our Churches will help do this if the matter was put before them, and fully explained.

I explained this to Hickory Grove Church last 3rd Sunday, and they donated liberally, and also I did this at Peoples' Chapel on the fourth; they gladly laid their gift on the altar; none giving less than 50 cts.

Dear Bro. Minister, let us get about this work, and the amount will soon be raised to lift this debt.

I love to work for the school, because, I know it has helped me, and I believe it will help any minister or young man who wishes to learn God's word.

I have a love for the school that I cannot express, and do sincerely pray, that the time will come when it will stand second to none.

Dear friends, let us work like Nehemiah of old, while rebuilding the wall around Jerusalem.

Pray that God may strengthen our hands, that we may be able to do more.

May God bless our school is the prayer of your little servant,

J. C. GRIFFIN.

DORMITORY DEBT.

I am sure it will be gratifying to you, to know that the Board has paid \$700 00 (seven hundred dollars) on the debt on girls' dormitory.

How thankful we are, that we have been able to do even this. Now, there is yet due \$1300 00, (thirteen hundred dollars) Will you brethren and sisters come to the rescue just now, and lets pay this off in the next two months.

A boys' dormitory is needed badly, but we must pay the debt off of the girls' dormitory before we can put up another building.

I wonder if the pastors will take the collection I asked for in their churches during this month? I wish you would, it would help along wonderfully, if you would O. church sent in \$4 05, last month. If all the churches should do this, it would not take long to lift this debt.

Will not you please make an effort in this direction during the month of February and March? Let me hear from you.

Do not forget the collection in your churches, brethren. Quite a number of people would give, if they only had the opportunity. Will you give them them the opportunity, pastors?

May God bless all. Yours in Jesus, Mrs E. T. PHILLIPS.

THE CHILD IN THE MIDDLE.

We are coming more and more to recognize the value of the child. To save a life already largely wasted so far as this world is concerned is a great achievement. It even spurs all the calculations of mathematics. This world knows no other value that is comparable to that of the human soul.

There is no reason in throwing the best and brightest days away, in perverting the youthful energies to hurtful purposes. This is a folly that has too long cursed the world. To assume that the child is already saved, and that by a process of training may be kept saved is another proposition. For our part we believe in the natural depravity of the human heart.

We believe that there is a work of grace that must be wrought in the inner life by the Holy Spirit before we can hope for the fruit of the Spirit to show itself in the life. But we believe in the conversion of the child. We do not believe that it is necessary to trouble the child's mind with theological questions; this is not necessary to the child's conversion. The human part is simple enough for any child to understand; the divine part is too deep for any of us to fathom. But let us not lose sight of the conversion of the child.

And then let us not lose sight of the training of the child. When you have the converted child to deal with, then you can hope for the best results from the training. And here is a point at which we are largely breaking down to day. The tragedy in many a young life is that after conversion, the home, the Sunday school, the Church, fail to train the young life in the religious life. Here is the point of greatest importance to the efficiency of that life.

The boy or girl, once converted will become a living vital force in the community, in the home, in the Church, very largely as the possibilities of that life are developed by training. But training is difficult; it may be painful. We are getting too soft. We are too much in love with ease, both for ourselves and for our children. We avoid that which toughens the fibers of life. We shield the child from every experience of self-denial,

and flatter oneself that we do so in love for the child. It is nothing of the kind. We talk much about love, but we have forgotten that love endures all things. We try to make the enduring unnecessary, and in so doing we make training an impossibility. Let us drop our fear of discipline. Better to face the difficult things and do them than to revel in the easy things and lose the blessings that come only to the tested life. Yes, training has its place in God's plan.

And this training should come early. It is a preparation for life, and it is in vain to talk about it after the life has been lived. Its natural place is at the beginning. It is to prepare the individual for service, and to give him strength to stand against the mighty forces of temptation. The task is hard for the child you say. Very good, it needs to be hard. The lesson to be learned is difficult. The burden to lift is heavy, the work to be done calls for effort, the muscles become tired and the heart faint. Very good. These things are not pleasant to the flesh, but in these things are found the very discipline that we all need. If the child is ever to be worth anything to himself or to the world, these things are essential; and to secure the best results, they must come early in life. It is good to bear the yoke in youth.—C. Advocate

SOUTHERN HOME MISSIONS.

To All Free Will Baptist, north, south, east and west: GREETING.

I have a complete pulpit Commentary, 49 volumes, it is boxed up, I took good care of the books; it is the best Commentary published today.

The pulpit Commentary is un denominational. All the Editors, of the great religious weekly papers use it. No preacher, who expects to make good can't do without the pulpit Commentary.

Now, I do not need my pulpit Commentary any more, so I want some live active preacher to have it. This is what I will do.

I will give these 49 volumes to the preacher who raises the most money for Southern Home Missions and sends the same to me, by the 31st. of May 1913.

Any F. W. B Preacher may work for this splendid Commentary.

It would cost you \$49 25 if you were to buy one.

Any one may work for this splendid Commentary. No preacher can hope to succeed without a good Commentary. Besides this, you are helping to build up our Zion in the South.

Any Elder, licensed or ordained may enter the contest for this best of all works on the Bible, by sending in his name and a contribution.

No charges will be made the time will not be changed, and an honest just record kept.

The Elder who sends in the most by May 31st. 1913 gets this splendid set of books. I wish to state to all my friends that I am better but still partially paralyzed. I cannot preach but little. I have again spent 12 days in a hospital. I have not had another stroke since last December. I could not stay longer in the hospital because it so expensive, and I exhausted all my means.

Yours in Jesus, E. L. ST. CLAIRE, Glenville, Ga.

WHAT ABOUT THE MAN.

GENTLEMEN:—Find enclosed check \$1 00, for which please send me the FREE WILL BAPTIST, one year.

Some time ago a man giving the name of W. Hoffman and claiming to have been sent out by the General Conference of Free Will Baptist, came into this vicinity and after preaching several sermons and collecting all the money he could; suddenly left, and we are unable to learn of his whereabouts.

He was a man well versed in theology, said he was educated at Boston and said he was sent here for the purpose of founding a school, for Free Will Baptist.

I should like for you to publish these facts and ask for information regarding this man. He was rather tall and lean wore spectacles, had a very prominent Roman nose, claimed to be 32 years of age, but had the appearance of a man of 45 or 50. He is inclined to criticize everybody and everything, and is not at all friendly.

Very truly, W. S FOWERS, Foraker, Va.

UNION MEETING.

The Union Meeting of the Second District of the Western North Carolina Conference, met with the church at Coco Creek, near Spring Hope, N C on Saturday before the 5th Sunday in December, 1912.

G W Ferrell was appointed at last Union to preach the introductory sermon; he attended and preached.

Bro. J C Creech was chosen moderator of the meeting. The following committees were appointed:

Devotional—Bros. J. A. Creekmore, E. W. Wilder, and Joel Stallings.

Sabbath School—E. D. Creekmore, O. B. Parker, Genoria Wilder.

Temperance—G. N. Wilder, Hattie Carson, Mrs. Joel Stallings.

On motion we ask and request that each of our churches organize a Womens' Missionary Society for the benefit of the mission cause in this district, as per Eld. J. W. Valentine's motion in last Union.

On motion we continue to invite Eld. C. J. Harris to visit our union.

On motion we earnestly ask our churches to represent in next union either by letter or delegate.

List of churches: Floods Chapel, J. A. Baines, contribution 75 cents; Rock Spring, S. L. Cooley, contribution \$1 00; Coea Creek, J. A. Creekmore, E. W. Wilder, contribution \$1 00; Rosebud, by letter, contribution \$1 00.

The mission committee appointed at last union to arrange a line of work to further the interest of the mission cause, will be asked to bring in a report at next union.

The temperance and Sunday school committees recommend the last report of same.

Devotional committee report G. G. Ferrell preach to-morrow (Sunday)

On motion the next union convene with the church at Peoples' Chapel near Elm City, N. C.

On motion J. K. Ruffin preach the introductory, B. B. Deuns alternate.

On motion we extend vote of thanks to the people of this section for their kindness towards this union.

On motion conference close to meet at place above mentioned Friday before the 5th Sunday in March, 1913.

J. C. CREECH, Mod. G. W. FERRELL, Clerk.

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WHAT NETTIE LEARNED.

Nettie was sitting near a window, and the rays of the sun fell upon her, making her warm and comfortable. Outside the weather was decidedly disagreeable.

As she sat by the window, Nettie wished that she could do something great. She had been reading a paper about a woman by the name of Florence Nightingale, who became famous by her kindness in nursing the sick.

"Oh, I do wish I could make people happy like Miss Nightingale did," said Nettie almost aloud. "If I could do something like that, why, I would be the happiest little girl in the world."

She slid from her chair to the floor, and, going to the dining room, she asked her mother many questions about Miss Nightingale and her great work in caring for the sick. The more she heard of this remarkable woman, the more Nettie wished that she were older, so that she could equal her achievements.

"I wish that I could be a Florence Nightingale," said Nettie to her mother.

"You can be a Florence Nightingale. If you will," said the mother, "and you will not need to leave home either. Maybe the world would not know much about the nice things you would do, but every night before you fell asleep, would feel very happy to know that you had performed many acts of kindness." This little talk with her mother set Nettie to thinking, and she promised herself that from then on she would try to make those about her happy.

At noon, she helped the maid wash and dry the dishes, and received a kiss in reward for her kindness.

When papa came home from work, she had his slippers ready for him by his arm chair and he gave her a hug and kiss for being so thoughtful.

Even sister, who was often very cross when any one bothered her while she was studying, gave her a tap on the cheek for being so quiet.

Then she rocked the cradle until baby went to sleep, and before she herself went to sleep that night, both her mamma and papa had pressed many warm kisses on her lips.

As Nettie knelt in prayer beside her bed that night, her heart sang a glad little song, for she had been a Florence Nightingale in her own little world.—Exchange.

First say to yourself what you would be; and then do what you have to do.—Epictetus.

A GRAIN OF SAND.

"Mother! mother! there is something in my eye! Please take it out, quick." Flossy came hurrying to her mother. Her blue eyes were bloodshot, her eyelids swollen, and the tears were running down her cheeks.

"Why, what is it?" asked her mother, as she put her arms around her child.

"I don't know; it's an awful big thing. The wind blew it in my eye a minute ago." The mother examined the afflicted eye carefully, but could find nothing except tears.

"I don't see anything in it, dearie."

"But it's there, mother; please do get it out. It makes me so uncomfortable."

The mother looked again. Then she bathed the hurt eye with warm water, and told Flossy to keep it closed for a time; but the poor eye did not get better. Something was in it—something as big as a marble, Flossy thought.

"Well, Flossy, I think we had better go to Dr. Wright and see what he can do," said her mother, after trying every thing she could think of for the relief of her little daughter.

Dr. Wright was the good doctor Flossy loved and she stood very quietly with her face in the light as he kept her eyelid open.

"A!" said the doctor; and in an instant he held his instrument toward her; "here it is!"

"Where?" asked the mother. "I don't see anything."

"I don't either," said Flossy; "but my eye does not hurt any longer."

"It's just a tiny speck of sand," replied the doctor, "too small to see, unless you know where to look for it."

Some days after Flossy was fidgeting about the room where her mother was sewing. It was rainy weather out of doors and Flossy was in bad humor; nothing pleased her.

"Please don't, Flossy," said her mother over and over again. "You make me very uncomfortable. If you don't stop worrying, you must go away by yourself!"

Flossy sat down by the window, pouting. In a little while her face brightened, and she came to her mother and put a little soft kiss on her cheek.

"I'm like that little grain of sand, mother; don't you think so?" said she.

"What do you mean?" "I'm not very big, but I make people uncomfortable when my temper gets in the wrong place. I love you, mother—I love you truly; and I would not hurt you as that sand did me for anything. The sand could not help itself! But I can, and I will, right away."—Clara Marshall, in Our Boys and Girls.

Married.
On the 26th, the writer united in marriage Mr. Aldridge Matthews and Miss Dolis Ann Hair of Slocum. Mr. Matthews and his lovely bride are very pleasant and industrious and will do well in every capacity of life. The wedding dinner was one of those old time good ones and was enjoyed over so much by all. The best of wishes ever go with the two for prosperity and at last gain a home in heaven.
J. W. FERGUSON.

L. O. O. F. Resolutions.
We the members of Ayden Lodge No. 208 I. O. O. F. extend to Mrs. Thos. Peden, our dear friend sympathizing in the sad loss she has undergone in the death of her dear husband, and in his mercy give her grace and strength to brace up under this sad loss, and help her to say, "Thy will be done, and to renew her in this sad hour of bereavement. He is the great comfort of all, and will wipe away all tears and heal the broken hearted."
H. G. EDGERTON Com.
D. G. BERRY Secy.

My Thanks.
DEAR EDITOR—Please allow me space to thank my many friends for their kind support in the contest.
Now, one and all, I do thank you and I have not language in which I can express to you my sincere thanks. Not only do I thank those with whom I am personally acquainted, but those who I do not know.
Had it not been for my friends I could not have won the first prize, but by their help, kindness, and sympathy, I was made to rejoice beyond measure, Wednesday Jan. 15th, at 12 o'clock when the race was ended. Again thanking all the people and office as well, for kindness shown me in the race.
Yours in Christ,
J. C. MOYB.

For Road Improvement.
We are for good roads in some way or other. Our people need to travel over a territory where good roads exist to see the great need of them. At this time, after rain for some days, the roads in many places are almost impassable with an ordinary vehicle. Such things ought not to be. Why should not congress which is voting away millions on war vessels, public buildings, rivers, harbors, etc., put a some of that money on the public highways of the country?
Travel a few miles around Ayden, or anywhere in Pitt county at this time, and if you are not in favor of something being done for the county roads, we should bring you as unreasonable.
Thanks to Varner and his pioneers in the good road movement in our state. We are glad that petitions are pouring into the legislature in earnest for better roads. May something be done that will count in this very important matter for the good of our commonwealth.

Book Review.
Church Hymnal and Sunday School Songs Combined, Compiled and Edited by Charlie D. Tillman. A collection covering every phase of Interdenominational Church and Sunday School work.
Charlie Tillman Song Book Co. Atlanta, Ga., Cincinnati, Ohio, Kansas City, Mo., Dallas, Texas.
This is an admirably arranged hymn book for the use of our Churches and Sunday Schools. There is not only a convenient grouping of subjects, but with the group there is a sub-index which adds greatly to the convenience of the book. The hymns are set to tunes which our people know. We are glad to see that the old hymns and the old tunes are coming back where our people can sing them. We have had enough and to spare of "jazz" and "rag-time" music. Mr. Tillman has done the people a great service in this new book. Those who have a cell in their congregations speak in the highest terms of its usefulness and high merit—Chris. In Advocate.

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252t S. HONGES

Notice.
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Death of Thos. E. Peden, D. D.
The messenger of death has again visited our town and taken from us one of our most prominent and well beloved citizens, Thos. E. Peden.
The subject of this sketch was born in Wilmington, California, Sept. 13, 1832. His parents were John and Elizabeth Peden. About fifty six years ago he was happily married to Mrs. Louisa Martin of his native state. She survives him after their long and useful pilgrimage together. He also leaves four brothers in the great West: Jackson, Jordan, Henry and Jonathan; two sisters, Miranda and Elizabeth. He is also survived by one aunt, Mrs. Leonard at Postoria, Ohio.

It was a wonderful shock to our community on Monday morning last when the news flashed over the town that Dr. Peden was dead at his home on West Railroad Street. The summons came to him at nine o'clock. He had been feeble for several days, but none supposed him so near the end of his mortal existence.
After all his great travels he died quietly in his home in his chair, in the presence of his faithful wife and Miss E. L. Munn, who has been with the aged couple for many years.

Dr. Peden was a man of marked ability, far above the average in many respects. In his early manhood he exhibited those traits of energy and aggressiveness that ever after characterized his manly useful life. He took high rank in his classes at school and came out with distinguished honors.
At the early age of seventeen he gave his heart to the Lord, and from that time on it has been his chief joy to give his best service to the King of kings and Lord of lords. He was a union soldier and served his country with honor, courage and bravery till released. As a citizen he always stood firm and unyielding for the right as he saw it. He labored in the home and in every form. As an advocate of temperance and good government he was always in the fore front of the battle and never relaxed his energy till the battle was won.

His greatest work in our midst was as principal of the Seminary here. Heaven alone will reveal the results of his mighty work for the good of humanity. Besides the home he has led to Christ, he has been instrumental in God's hands in aiding many young men who had entered the Gospel ministry to be more efficient and know the way of life, more perfectly.
For a long time he was an honored member of the Masonic fraternity and took great delight in the workings of the brotherhood.
There was a universal gathering of our people at the funeral which was conducted from the home by Rev. R. E. Pittman, assisted by Rev. Burgess of the A. B. Church, Rev. LeGrande of the Christian and E. T. Phillips of the Free Will Baptist. After services at the home, the remains were taken in hand by the members of the Masonic Lodge. Conveyed to the Cemetery and laid to rest with the beautiful and appropriate rites of the order. An impressive scene was the procession of the faculty and students of the Seminary that marched in to the cemetery, following the obsequies. The floral tributes were exceedingly beautiful one each being presented by the Masonic order, the faculty of the Seminary, and the students. This noble man of God was laid to rest in our town cemetery. His aged companion and numerous friends viewing the last sad rite.
His life will live in the hearts of many he has led to the King. The Master will say to him "well done! Heavens gates will admit him, and a glorious crown will be his eternally.
God comfort the bereft and may we all meet him in heaven.

Ladies' Aid Society.
Ladies' Aid Society will meet at the residence of Mrs. E. T. Phillips, Thursday, after-noon, at 3 o'clock. Let every one, make an effort to be on hand.
It seems to me, we have been rather backward about this work for several months, perhaps, I am to blame, it may be I have not worked as I should have, but time we do fall away from our duty, and I confess, that I did allow the auditorium work, to take nearly my entire time, but, that is fixed now, so, let's get busy, and make this Aid just what it should be.
Let every old member, bring a new one with them next Thursday. We must not let this Aid die, but it will, if we don't work. You see, it has meant a good deal to this church, for we have been all to do so much there, which perhaps would have otherwise gone undone. In everything we either go backward, or forward, nothing stands still in this world.
It takes work, to move things, so let's get busy, and make our Aid a success.
Don't forget the time. Yours,
ANNA PHILLIPS, Secy.

Great Conference Started.
A far-reaching State Conference is being organized. It aims to improve conditions that affect human life in all its phases. All the various workers for reform and betterment expect to get together as an organized force, and by a united effort secure some of the most needed reforms. Much more should be done in this way than by fighting single battles.
The conference will hold its first meeting in Raleigh, February 11-12. The scope of the conference is indicated by the following list of speakers and heads of committees. Governor Craig will deliver the opening address, followed by Dr. William Louis Poteat, president of Wake Forest College, or the "Correlation of Social Forces." Following this will be an address by Senator Robert L. Owen, of Oklahoma. Senator Owen is the author of the famous bill for a National Department of Public Health. He is a fine speaker and a man of big ideas. His speech should ring clear on the big lines of social work, and be the keynote of the conference.
Several months ago the following representative citizens were named as chairman of the various committees on different lines of social service:

Bishop Robert Strange, Church and Social Service; Hon. J. V. Joyner, Literary; Mr. James P. Cook, Reformatories; Rev. M. L. Kestler, Orphanages; Hon. T. W. Bickett, Criminal Procedure; Dr. L. B. McBrayer, Public Health; Mr. Clarence Poe, Improvement of Country Life; Mr. W. H. Swift, Child Labor; Miss Daisy Denison, Prisons; Mr. Archibald Johnson, Liquor Problem; Mr. Gilbert Stephenson, Race Question; Dr. W. S. Rankin, Public Health; Hon. R. F. Beasley, Taxation; Mrs. R. R. Cotten, Women and Social Service.

The Central Committee on Organization, composed of Hon. J. V. Joyner, Hon. T. W. Bickett, Miss Daisy Denison, Dr. W. S. Rankin and Mr. Clarence Poe, have received hundreds of inquiries and applications for membership. It promises to be one of the biggest movements ever started in the state, and every public spirited citizen should have his name enrolled with the movement. Letter or postal directed to Dr. W. S. Rankin, Raleigh, N. C., secretary of the Central Committee, will bring full information about the aims of the organization and the program mapped out.

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