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LET US FOLLOW THE FOOT-STEPS OF CHRIST.

How insignificant are our trials and sufferings, here, when compared with the pain, suffering, and indignities that Christ endured for us! He humbled himself, that we might become exalted, he became poor that we might be made rich, he was wounded that we might be healed, he was drained the cup of wrath, that we might drink of the water of salvation. He died the shameful and excruciating death on the cross, that we might live and reign with him forever. For herewith were ye called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that we should follow in his steps who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth. Who, when he was reviled he reviled not again, and when he suffered he threatened not, but committed himself, to him that judgeth righteously. What shame he endured in our behalf! See him arrayed in purple, the reed of scorn in his hand, the crown of thorns on his head, and the cross of infamy on his back! He grows faint beneath his burden, and his murderers fearing, lest his woe should pass endurance before their cruel thirst for blood could be satisfied, compelled Simon to carry one end of the cross. Thus, they moved on to the summit of Calvary. They lay it upon the ground and stretch the Son of God upon it, nail his hands and feet to the wood, and it is reared on high with its bleeding victim, and there he hangs before the world suffering the most excruciating death imaginable. All the springs of consolations are sealed to the glorious sufferer and he finds no comfort in his extremity. From below bursts forth upon him the streams of hellish rage, while from above justice pours down a cataract of wrath overwhelming his soul with agony. He felt the hidings of his Father's face, and cried, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" At last man's reconciliation with God has been effected, but what a fearful cost! We can never repay this debt we owe to Christ, but we can show our gratitude and affection by living as near like him as possible. Let us therefore cleanse ourselves from all filthiness, and from all manner of pollution of the flesh, perfecting holiness in the fear of God. Our conversation should come up to the requirement of God forgetting the things that are behind, we should ever be pressing forward to the things that are before, for we know not yet what we shall be, but there is one thing we do know, if we live according to his commands, when he shall appear we shall be like him, then and not until then, we shall be satisfied. We must do our Father's will while the day lasts. We must abstain from fleshly lusts, that war against the soul keeping in mind, that they that are Christs have crucified the flesh with the

affections and lusts. How cheering to know that Jesus who loved us even unto death, is the pilot of our perilous voyage through life! He rules the wind and the waves, and they cease at his will. Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee, because he trusteth in thee. Follow after Christ, and do whatsoever he hath commanded and thou shalt find rest unto your souls.

EUNICE JOHNSON.
New Zion, S. C.
SCIOTOVILLE, OHIO, NEWS.

DEAR BAPTIST:—The most welcome visitor at our home is the dear old Baptist, especially so since we have been down South and have become acquainted with all the dear brethren. We always look forward to Friday evening when we will hear from all our loved ones through the paper. But O if the brethren would only quit this everlasting spitting with each other on different subjects and write on religion. Let us live right with God, then we will not be looking for something to debate on so much. Some on baptism, some on denomination, some on who knows the greatest number of languages, some on one thing and some on another, and a few on Christ. Brothers and sisters, let us resolve from now on to live for Christ, and then those little things will not make any difference with us.

I have just received a letter from Bro. W. A. Poole of Tenn. He writes the good news of the temperance wave sweeping still a little farther. The little town where he lives has had a very hard fight with the foe; but praise His Holy name on high, who doeth all things well, the good people of God came out with flying colors and Jackson, Tenn. shall go free from the demon alcohol. It is good news indeed to know that the glorious old temperance banner is slowly, but steadily unfolding and spreading over our nation, and if ever Christians can be brought to see that it is on them that the responsibility rests, and that they positively must vote as they pray, then, and not until then will we have a temperance land. O for a few thousand men, such as Bro. Poole to work in the temperance cause. Brothers, why is it you can not see your duty, and get to work, or for mercy sake if you do not intend to down this demon, put it into the sisters' hands, just give us the power and see if we do not sweep rum off the face of the earth. Yes, to be sure I hear you men laugh, but just try us once and if we do not do as we promise, then silence as again, for my part I should be ashamed of our dear sisters, if they did no better in the cause than our brothers are doing; so there now, enough on this subject.

Bro. J. M. Turner of Suiter, Ohio, has just closed a glorious revival at Scott Town, Ohio, with twenty-four conversions, (mostly candidates

for baptism) quite a number reclaimed and the church gloriously revived. Although we deeply deplore the loss of Bro. Turner in our own beloved denomination, we feel that the M. E. church has done a great work towards the up building of her denomination, in whatsoever locality Bro. Turner is placed, for he is a power in a pulpit and an honor to any denomination. So dear brethren, let us say no more about our loss, but pray God's blessings on Bro. Turner and his work, for after all, are we not all striving for the same dear heaven, and when we get there all the redeemed who meet around the throne, will know nothing about what denomination we came through. Neither will we care; for all who are glorified, will come up with a glorious shout.

"As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness. I will be satisfied, when I awake with thy likeners."
Your loving sister,
LAURA HOBSTETTER,
Sciotoville, Ohio.

EXPLAINS HIMSELF.

DEAR BRO. PHILLIPS:—As it seems that myself and some other brethren, have been placed in an improper light before the readers of our beloved paper, I would like to be admitted to your columns again. It seems that because, I with some other brethren, have opposed baptism as a condition of pardon, or a means of our introduction into Christ, that some have concluded that we oppose baptism altogether. With myself at least this idea is entirely incorrect. No one can be a baptist without believing in baptism, that is the burial of a believer in water. While all baptist believe this, there is quite a difference among baptist as to the design of baptism, and in the articles that I have written on the subject of baptism, the theme has been all together the design, and not as to whether baptism was a command or a duty. To my mind there could be no greater absurdity than to speak of the nonessentials of the Bible. When John says, 21: 25, that even the world could not contain the Books that should be written, and to think that something of no importance would be retained in the small volume into which the word of God is condensed. I know that our Christian brethren taught baptism as a condition of pardon or that without baptism there is no remission of sins. I knew the Advent brethren, taught the same. I knew the Latterday Saints taught the same, but I did not know until of late that any F. W. B. so taught. To my brethren, who so believe, I must kindly beg to be excused and desire to go on record, as an ardent supporter of the doctrine of salvation by grace through faith made manifest by strict obedience, to all the Holy Precepts of our blessed Master, which includes baptism, Lord's Supper, foot washing, n-ions,

WORKING FOR CHRIST.

DEAR EDITOR:—Please allow me space for the first time I have ever written. I am a preacher of F. W. B. church of Christ, though not a denominational crank, nor a money shark either, but a poor man plowing for my living, laboring, working with my own hands, that I may have and to spare. I have been trying to preach for six years, and have received \$3 35, but thank God, he has said that he never would leave nor forsake his own. I remember when at an association in the fall of 1906 I preached a sermon on the duties of preachers and their obligations to God, and a brother told me that after I left the association that I was criticised, which was all right with me, as a christian must get very little before he can get very large. If they had seen that my argument was not right, they ought to have dealt in brotherly love with me, though I have no apologies to make unless the brethren condemn me by the Bible. We are taught that the love of money is the root of all evil. Be sure if the root is in the heart the branches will sprout occasionally. The Lord said, "Pay tribute to whom tribute is due and custom to whom custom is due." If man is a fraud, then God will let him suffer, for God says, "Consider the lilies of the field, they toil not neither do they spin, yet Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these." If I employ a man to work on my farm, if he does as I bid him I will surely pay him, but if he doesn't, I don't need him any longer. So, brethren, if God gives us a job, in his field he says he will give us what is right. Are we satisfied with what is right, or are we doubting his promise, or his ability? In my opinion there is something wrong when we as preachers, begin to grumble, for fear that we will suffer. "Perfect love casteth out all fear, oh, ye, of little faith." Brethren, the root of the trouble is, we like to work for the Lord, provided he will give us a "Boss" job, and turn the business over to us. I think Bro. L. T. Phillips is in line with the Bible. In the F. W. B. of Apr. 3 the good brother Phillips wrote my sentiments better than I could have written them.

I don't wish to mislead any one, but want all people everywhere to let the Lord lead them, and be as the Lord commands that we should be. He said, we should be one even as he and the Father were one. Brethren, pray for me, and read your Bibles.
Yours in Christ,
W. H. BAILEY,
Jones Mill, Ala.

WORKING FOR GOD AGAIN.

DEAR BRO. PHILLIPS:—I again undertake to write a short piece for the BAPTIST, to let its many readers know that the Lord has again restored me to sufficient health to again attend two of my churches; to wit, Savannah Hill on the third and Roberts Grove on the first. I went to Savannah Hill on the third Sunday in April, where I found the dear brethren and sisters in high spirits, engaged in the good work of the Lord. This is a new church, five miles from my home, with some more than 20 members. It was organized last August after a few days meeting held by myself and Bro A. B. Peavy. These good people, with the assistance of others have bought a site and built a good house of worship. With the assistance of Bro. Hayward Dixon of the M. E. church, as their Bible teacher, and Bro. Jasper Lee of the Missionary Baptist church, as their clerk, are running a good S. S. something over an average school I think I might say. We preached for them on Sunday, and after preaching celebrated the Lord's Supper, and washed each others feet, and about the entire membership partook of the sacred emblems. May God ever bless these good kind hearted people, and give them victory in Jesus name.

On Saturday before the 1st Sunday in May we filled our appointment at Roberts Grove, and again on Sunday. This church is about 6 miles from my home, and was organized by our worthy and highly esteemed Nephew, Bro. R. C. Jackson some ten years ago. While they had not had regular preaching on the account of my sickness, they had not been unmindful of their duty. I found these dear people heartily engaged in the work of the Lord. They are running one of our best S. S. in the Cape Fear Conference under the class leadership and Bible instruction of Bro. Wm. A. Jackson, who is the present Sec. of the Cape Fear Conference. This dear brother is truly a blessing to Roberts Grove and community, especially the dear young people, as he has been their public school teacher for several years, and has a wonderful influence over them for good. It was just animating to hear them answering the questions they had learned in their lessons helps about the story of Joseph in Egypt.

May God bless and save the children, and adopt them into his family at a young age. In connection with the S. S. work, they have a good missionary society, of which they call the roll of members monthly, and as each member's name is called he lays 10 cts. on the table, and by this plan they lay by on the first day of the week, their mission money and have it ready to send up to the union on Friday before every fifth Sunday. This looks like bringing the tithes into the store house. We are expecting the Lord to

open the windows of heaven,

and pour out upon these people a blessing to the saving, sanctifying and pentecostic their precious souls before the date of 1907 shall pass away.

My next meeting if the Lord is willing, will be at Johnson's Union on the second Saturday and Sunday before. I hope to find the church in good order.

Yours for souls,
LUNDA LEE.
Dunn, N. C.

SOLOMON'S ADDRESS TO THE YOUNG.

Solomon says, "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, when the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say I have no pleasure in them." He also says, "In the morning sow thy seed and in the evening withhold not thy hand, for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they shall both be alike good." Now how many of us are going to heed this warning? Sow our seed in the morning, give him our youthful service. Dear friends, it is not only our privilege, but our indispensible duty to serve God from the cradle to the grave. God created us and placed us here for his glory. It is only through his power and never failing mercy that we live and move, and we should love him with our whole heart, mind, soul, and strength, and serve him with fear and trembling. We should not seek this world's goods, but lay up our treasures in heaven, for where your treasures are, there your heart is also. We should be strong in the faith, and not yield to evil temptations, or let our minds linger on the perishing objects of this world; but give all our time to the service of God. This is the only way for us to obtain real happiness, but whatever our sorrow may be, we can find peace and comfort in the service of God. It is much easier for us to serve God, if we begin when we are young, than it is if we wait and resist the spirit till we have become hardened in sin, and the conscience is almost seared.

Every person has some influence; if we are serving Satan, we are influencing others to serve him. We should live upright and lead a righteous life, and use our influence in getting others to do right. We should let our light shine, that others seeing our good works may be constrained to glorify God.

Wait not till the shadows lengthen
Till you older grow,
Rally now and sing for Jesus
Every where you go.

I will not write longer now. I hope to see more letters from the young people, especially those from the old Palmetto State. With love to the BAPTIST and its many readers. I am yours in His service,
GRACE KERLS,
New Zion, S. C.

The great gospel of the incarnation is that Jesus Christ is the great Enhancer of everything. Jesus Christ divides an I shares our sorrows and doubles our joys.

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AYDEN, N. C., WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 1907.

EDUCATIONAL NOTES.

We are sorry we cannot attend the Commencement of the A. and M. College, at Raleigh per their kind invitation, but our own work makes it impossible.

Superintendent, J. A. McArthur attended and conducted chapel one day last week. His remarks were well put and timely. We desire his presence whenever he can possibly give it.

Guilford College has recently received a large donation. We are glad of it and are patiently waiting for a similar fortune to come to the Seminary. Let all pray for it earnestly.

The Advocates of Christian Fidelity will hold their Anniversary Wednesday, May 29, at 7:30 p. m. Address by Prof. A. R. Flowers, late Principal of Beulah High School. Subject, The Demands and Changes.

Our Normal, or Teachers' Training Department, has sent a large number of thoroughly prepared instructors who are succeeding well in their profession as all reports show. We have a goodly number more who will soon be ready for efficient work.

The Anniversary of the Amphictyon Literary Society, will be held, in the Seminary, Tuesday, May 28, at 7:30 p. m. The Address will be delivered by Eld. J. E. Ayscue, pastor of the Baptist Church in Greenville. Subject, The Need of Educated Men in North Carolina.

Every friend of the Seminary, should go to work in earnest for the Fall term of School, commencing, August 26. We had students from five States, within the past year. It should be from forty six, if Oklahoma becomes a state, the coming year and all the territories and possessions of our country.

The Annual Address will be delivered by Hon. F. A. Woodard of Wilson, Thursday May 30th, at 1:30 p. m. Contest, General and Graduating exercises of the Seminary. Thursday, May 30, at 7:30, p. m. The Medal presented by Miss Lullie Cox will be presented to the student having the best original oration per the decision of three competent Judges.

Associations, Conferences, and Yearly Meetings that do not report to the Triennial General Conference are not regarded as a part of the denomination, or of any other. It would be better for the cause of Christianity if they did not exist, for they are not counted anywhere. They do not come up to the help of the Lord against the curse of Meror rests upon them. A true Free Will Baptist always answers at roll call and is ready for work. In fact he is at work.

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SACRAMENT.

DEAR EDITOR:—As I have never written to the BAPTIST, I will write a few lines on the importance of the sacrament. There are various causes for the loss of the spirit, and decrease of faith among the christians. Adultery, lust, murmuring against denominations, neglect of prayer, and other duties. But there is perhaps no single cause more frequently productive of these evil consequences than the partaking of the sacrament, by the so called christians, while in possession of a wrong feeling and spirit. To commit adultery, every one who has had any experience or understanding of the work of God, will inevitably result, unless speedily and sincerely repented of in the apostacy of the adulterer. So, also, in the commission of other sins, through the denial of the faith by the one thus sinning, might not follow the sinful act so quickly as in the other instances. But the partaking of the Lord's supper appears almost to be so important in the estimation of some, (probably through partaking of it often) that they think it a matter of no consequence whatever, whether they are at that time filled with love to God and their brethren, or filled with enmity, whether they eat and drink in remembrance of the Lord, or whether his death and sufferings are never thought about by them. The eating of a piece of bread, or the drinking of a little wine, under ordinary circumstances might not be expected to excite any particular emotions in those thus partaking, but it is nothing less than solemn mockery, for men and women professed followers of the Lord Jesus to assemble together and unite in a prayer to have the bread, and the contents of the cup, blessed and sanctified to their souls, and then eat and drink with feelings of enmity in their bosoms to some one or more individuals of the same faith and hope with themselves, and in total forgetfulness of their Lord and his precepts. No individual, whether officer or member can pursue a course of this kind and escape condemnation. Such also was Paul's faith in ancient days, for he wrote to the Corinthian branches of the church, that in consequence of their partaking of the Lord's supper unworthily, many were weak and sickly among them and many had slept.

The Lord Jesus himself attaches so much importance to the sacrament, that he has commanded his servants, not to knowingly suffer any one to partake of his flesh and blood unworthily, when they shall minister it. They are required to forbid such, because they who eat his flesh and drink damnation to their souls. This places the ministers under solemn obligations to see that iniquity does not exist among the members, for iniquity of any kind, would render whosoever practiced it unworthily of this ordinance. If there are feelings of enmity in the bosom of one against another, if there is evil speaking one of another, those harboring such feelings, those giving utterance to such sentiments, cannot partake of the Lord's supper without incurring his displeasure. Entering such a spirit and such feelings causes them to be un-

worthy, and they have need of repentance. Those who eat the flesh and drink the blood of the Lord, should always remember him, and should be filled with perfect love for him and for their brethren, and upon no other principle, can they expect to have his spirit with them. The minister who is called upon to administer the sacrament, calls upon the Father according to the pattern given by the Lord. Those joining this prayer after asking him to bless and sanctify what they are about to partake of, to the souls of all, that they may partake of it in remembrance of the body and blood of his Son Jesus Christ, should always remember him and keep his commandments which he has given them, that they may always have his spirit to be with them. Amen.

Those partaking of the sacrament, and not doing as they have promised, when uniting with the church, have lied to the Lord.

M. S. HARDEE.
Greenville, N. C.

SPEAK WITH SIMPLICITY.

DEAR EDITOR:—I will try to pen a few more lines tonight. I have just read the BAPTIST and feel a desire to come out again. I see two letters from Tex. I am not acquainted with either writer, though I would like very much to correspond with them. I see many good letters in the paper and love to read them, yet some of them seem to me, are not clear enough. I think we should all speak clear and plain, yet in simplicity. I have been reading some of the pieces on baptism, and it seems to me that it has all been to no profit. I have read much about our ministers quitting the denomination, to preach for others. Some because the church is not supporting them. I am at a loss to see what is the matter. The Lord has commanded us to go and preach, repentance and forgiveness of sins, and to baptize them, and to teach them to observe all things, whatsoever he has taught us, and said he, "Lo I am with you always, even unto the end." Now, if he has sent us and we are relying on his promises, and have failed to get the necessary support, let us examine ourselves. Have we taught the word as we ought? If we have, and then we are forced out of the ministry, what is the matter? Has the Lord failed to keep his promises? No, a thousand times no, for he has said, "I will never forsake thee." No, it cannot be laid to a failure on His part. Now, I want to say this, salvation is free. The Gospel which is the water of life is free, the spirit, which is life was freely given, all these are free gifts that we should love better than this life, are all there is in it, cost more than this world can give. It cost Heaven its brightest jewel, it cost our blessed Lord the riches of heaven, which he must needs give up for a time. It cost him a life of suffering and poverty, the awful death on the cross. He hath said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Look! oh, my brother, look now at him who gave all even to his life for us, see him made the Redeemer of man; yea, the giver of life, the Judge of the world, and now hath all power in Heaven and on earth, and hath committed unto us his Gospel, whereby we are saved

if we continue steadfast unto the end. He hath commanded us to go and preach this gospel of good tidings to every creature. He also said, "Freely ye have received, freely give." Does this not apply to every one? Let us go back awhile and view the past. While all this was being done for us there was other work going on. The great enemy, that old serpent, the Devil, was at work trying to destroy the works of the Lord. He never has lost an opportunity to persecute him and his followers, and is still at work. He is saying to God's ministers, "I wouldn't preach unless the people would give me so much, why you could make more money at most anything else than preaching, and money counts." He doesn't stop here either, he is whispering to Christians, "Salvation is free, money is scarce, and it is the preachers duty to preach." The Apostle tells us that he that preacheth the gospel, shall live of the gospel. Brethren, we ought to give liberally to the ministry, that the word be not hindered. Suppose we withhold the means God has given us and the ministry is hindered, have we not impoverished our selves? Let us give liberally of all we have knowing our labor is not in vain, for we shall reap if we faint not. As a man soweth, so shall he reap. Again he says, "I go to prepare a place for you." Let us sow here, and reap over there, for our treasurers are laid up above. I know some of the hardships and trials of a minister, but if we will suffer with him, we shall reign with him. It may be in your power to help the minister and thereby save some lost soul, then let us freely give, and at that day receive a glittering crown. May his spirit stir all to do their best for his cause.

Yours for the master,
D. D. BAGGETT.
Fisher, Tex.

SOUTH (GA.) TRIP.

BRO. EDITOR:—I am back once more in the land of flowers. I visited some of the churches in South Ga. Association on the 5th Sunday and Saturday before in March. It was my pleasure to be at Philadelphia church, there I met Eld. E. L. St. Claire he preached us two or three of his best sermons, and he was called to the little town of Folkston, at night to preach a sermon on Pithaism, the boys said it was grand. I filled his place at the church at 3 o'clock, and then the writer was carried down on the Okefonokee Swamp where I spent several days with old Bro. J. Myself. On the 4th of April I united his youngest daughter to Mr. Stewart, from Waycross in the holy bonds of matrimony. I then held services for the brethren on the 1st Sunday in April at the church. Then I left for Jesup where I remained a few days. From there I visited the brethren at Alabama church. We had a very good meeting and here I met Eld. C. Butler, he being the pastor of this church, he was full of the spirit as usual. The weather was cool and blustry. At the close of the meeting at that place, I next visited Corinth church, where we had another very interesting meeting. From there I visited Baxley where I spent a few days with Rev. H. W. Reins and family. He is a good man, and has a noble hearted

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wife, who did all for our comfort that was necessary, to make one feel comfortable and happy. On Saturday morning Bro. Reins and I went to old Bethel church, and Bro. Reins preached for us on Saturday night, and gave us one of his best efforts. The writer preached a funeral sermon on Sunday to a very large and attentive congregation. Rev. J. A. Tompson preached for them at night, and closed up the services, which I hope will prove a lasting blessing to all. Well, while it was my privilege to be permitted to live to see my dear brethren once more, I learned many things, some for the betterment of the cause, while some things were heart rendering to me. I learned that the South Ga. will split this fall on account of the territory, it is so large that the churches fail to be represented in the association. This I believe to be a very good move, then each association will work up her own territory to a better advantage. I also learn that several churches are about to dissolve on account of the want of a pastor. This is hurtful to me. Some of these churches I have labored very hard for, and I have seen large crowds and hearts made happy, and now, to see Zion dropping, and her colors trailing in the dust, is heart rendering. I can't see any use of this, why the preacher is so thrifty to scour the country over, to get up new churches, neglect the old ones, and let them drift back into the world. I don't think this is doing right. Well, I reckon I have said enough for this time in that direction, but would like to say to the dear brethren at Philadelphia church, persevere, build the church that you have now in contemplation, then you will feel so much better. Many thanks for your kindness to me, also to the dear brethren at the Alabama and Corinth, may the dear Lord ever bless you is my prayer. Lastly comes the dear old Bethel, with her host of membership. Dear brethren, fight on, stand by your Sunday School and the God of peace will ever bless you.

A word now to the churches that expect to pull off from the South Ga. Association and form a new association. Any advice or aid I can give you, remember I am at your service at any time, just write me at Live Oak, Fla., H. F. D. I will help you in any of your protracted meetings during the summer months if needed. May the Lord crown your efforts with success, is the prayers of an aged Bro. Let us lay aside all subjects when writing to our paper, that would cause friction, or controversy, and write about

our home beyond, and the Savior who died for all.
REV. W. T. E. PUTLER,
Live Oak, Fla.

WAYNE QUARTERLY MEETING.

Wayne Q. M. met 1st Saturday and Sunday in May, 1907, at W. Va. Home. Eld. Bartrum preached the introductory sermon, Sol. 5: 3. Eld. Bartum was elected moderator, and led in prayer. Met at 2 o'clock p. m. Saturday and proceeded to business. Visiting brethren and corresponding messengers invited to seats with us. Report from executive committee received. Letters from East Lynn, Christian Home, Jackson Branch and Long Branch, read and received. Verbal reports from Elizabeth and W. Va. Home, received.

Movement carried that we look after the negligent ministers. Committee, Rev. W. Borders, Joe Bartrum and Juo. Moore. Report from the preachers is as follows:

Juo. Moore, preached 26 times, received 11, visited the sick 5, baptized 5, and received \$17.00.

Eld. Bartrum, preached 6 times, received one, prayer meetings 5.

N. Borders, preached eight times, visited the sick four times, received \$4.00.

James Horey, preached 13 times, baptized one, received two, received \$5.00.

Eld. Roe, preached 12 times, prayer meeting 5, visited the sick 7 times.

Eld. Richardson, preached 26, received two, received \$60.

Committee on supply of the pulpit, were Bro. Tilden, Parson, Sam Moore, and Jas. Music.

They appointed Rev. N. Borders to preach Saturday night and Rev. Bartrum to follow.

Rev. Moore to preach Sunday morning, and Rev. Jas. Horey to follow.

Rev. N. Borders, conducted class meeting. Received one member from the United Baptist.

Thus closed another good quarterly meeting.
REV. BARTRUM, Mod;
N. BORDERS, Sec., pro temp.

WANTS INFORMATION.

Brethren, please tell me what tree of life is mentioned in Gen. 3:22, also the flaming sword, and cherubim that was placed at the gate of the garden of Eden.

W. H. BAILEY.

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AYDEN, N. C. WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 1907.

SHORT NEWS ITEMS

In Town and Through the Surrounding Country:

Mr. Exum Dail went to Washington, N. C., yesterday. Mrs. Willis Lupton of Winterville, was a visitor in town last Monday. Miss Vida McLawhon of Florence, S. C., came last Thursday night, to visit relatives and friends.

Miss Jennie Coward, a former resident of our town passed through on Monday en route for Kinston.

Bro. Jno. C. Singleton of Goldsboro, sends us \$50 to be forwarded to Eld. E. L. St. Claire of Edison, Ga.

Mrs. W. H. Smith and little son Charlie of Winterville, spent last Saturday night in town, visiting friends.

Mr. E. G. Cox and Mayor Joe Barwick went over to Greenville on Monday morning and returned on the noon train.

Miss Sarah Barker from Winterville and her aunt from the Western part of the state, were visitors here on last Monday.

Bethany church sends \$1.25 as a deficiency fund for the Seminary. Now is the time to send in for this worthy institution.

Don't fail to hear the Rev. Mr. Moose the returned missionary, from Korea on next Thursday evening the 23rd at the M. E. church.

Our congregations are growing in size very perceptibly in Greenville. On both Sunday morning and at night, we had a large attendance.

Miss Julia Bready left on last Tuesday morning for her home in Maryland, accompanied by her nephew and niece, Edger and Letha Fair.

Mr. J. J. Corbett and family of Speights Bridge section, came over last week and remained several days visiting the family of his son, Eld. K. I. Corbett.

Mr. E. G. Cox and others who attended the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows at Elizabeth City, report a great meeting and a very pleasant trip.

Eld J. E. Richardson left on Tuesday morning to visit his sister near Clinton, N. C. Hope Bro. Joe will do a great work during vacation and return in the fall.

On Monday evening last a rain and hail storm visited our section. Fortunately the hail lasted for only a few minutes otherwise crops would have been greatly damaged.

Mrs. Sharpe Blount returned home from Newbern recently, accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. E. H. Whitty and a child, Mrs. Whitty. They will remain at Hotel Blount for some time.

Dr. W. H. Wakefield, of Charlotte, N. C., will be in Greenville at Hotel Bertha Friday June 7th, at Paraville, the Hotel Saturday June 8th, Snow Hill, the Hotel Monday June 10th, for the purpose of treating diseases of eye, ear, nose and throat, and fitting glasses. On these visits the doctor's fees for testing eyes for glasses will be reduced one-half.

We are sorry to announce that the Senior and Junior quarterlies for the 2nd quarter are out. We have sold all that we printed. The demand has been much greater than we expected. Hence we failed to print enough. But we will have enough for the 3rd quarter. We are getting them ready. Don't fail to give us your orders promptly for 3rd quarter. We have plenty of printers on hand.

Miss Elizabeth Tesh, organizer and corresponding secretary of the Christian Women's Board of Missions, lectured on the importance of her mission in the Christian church on Sunday night, Monday night and Tuesday evening. She is a clear and forcible speaker, and a most excellent singer. The church has great things before it in the mission field and she is earnestly pressing the work. The lady is from Winston-Salem, N. C.

The interdenominational Sunday School convention that came off at Little Creek on Wednesday the 15th inst., was a grand success in every way so far as we can learn. Sorry that we could not attend. The audience was immense numbering perhaps 1000 or more. The work of many schools was almost astonishing. Notable among them being the M. E. school at Grifton, which raises several hundred dollars each year. The next annual meeting will be in the Christian church in Ayden.

Prof. Cecil of High Point, is teaching a large class in penmanship and book-keeping at Jenkins Hall each evening. He is an expert with the pen and is very apt in teaching. His class seems to be making rapid advancement under his tutorage, and any will be fortunate who take his course and apply themselves.

All of our people who attended the commencement of the Winterville High School speak in the highest terms of the entertainment by the pupils. They reflected much credit upon their teachers. The debate would have done honor to almost any institution, as the young men acquitted themselves handsomely. The address by Hon. W. W. Kithen was high toned, instructive and inspiring to young men. Prof. Lineberry and his assistants have been wonderfully successful, yet not to them alone but to the great backing they had by the Baptist church and the people of Winterville is much of the credit due.

Commencement Exercises. TUESDAY.

The real commencement exercises will begin on Tuesday night, May 28th at 7.30 o'clock Rev. I. E. Ayscove of Greenville will deliver the address before the Amphibion society. Ayscove is a fine scholar, a great student and speaks from the heart to the heart. It will be worth much to hear him.

WEDNESDAY.

On Wednesday night, Prof. A. R. Flowers of Taylor, N. C. will be the speaker for the A. C. S. society, or Advocates of Christian Fidelity. He has been with us before and we know that he will give us a wholesome speech full of good things that will be calculated to do much and lasting good.

THURSDAY, A. M.

Thursday will be the last great day of the fest. The Seminary Board with the trustees will meet at 10 o'clock a. m. All our good brethren who are interested in the progress of our denomination and especially every stockholder should attend.

THURSDAY, P. M.

At 1:30 p. m. the annual address will be delivered by Hon. F. S. Woodard of Wilson, N. C. Mr. Woodard has a national reputation as a speaker of no mean ability. All will be delighted and instructed who hear him. At 7:30 the general exercises will take place, also the meadow contest and rewarding the successful contestants, announcements etc.

Farmville's Big Land Sale.

We want you to become more interested in our town. To induce you, we will, on Thursday the 13th of June, offer at public auction, a large number of very desirable building lots. Upon the completion of the Norfolk and Southern Railroad, Farmville real estate will advance 100 per cent. For the facts as above stated, you can't afford to miss this golden opportunity of a most profitable investment. For other information see or write, Townsend & Winham, Farmville, N. C.

Littleton Commencement.

The commencement exercises of Littleton college promises to be most enjoyable and entertaining. The program is as follows:

- 1. Address before the Young Women's Christian Association Monday May 27, 1907, 8:30 p. m. - Rev. J. R. Moose, Korea.
2. Class Day Exercises, Tuesday May 28, 1907, 8:30 p. m.
3. Alumnae Banquet, Tuesday 8:30 to 11 p. m.
4. Annual Sermon, Wednesday, May 29, 1907, 11 u. m. - Rev. W. G. Starr, D. D., Norfolk, Va.
5. Alumnae Address, Wednesday 8:30 p. m. - Miss Viola Boddie, Greensboro, N. C.
6. Graduating Exercises, Thursday, May 30, 10 a. m.
7. Literary Address, Thursday, 11:30 a. m. - Hon. F. S. Spruill, Lenoir, N. C.
8. Commencement Recital, Thursday, 8:30 p. m.

Married.

HARROW-KEELES.

On last Sunday afternoon, May the 12th, Miss Cathie Keels daughter of the widow I. L. Keels of New Zion, and Mr. James Barrow of Workman, S. C., were happily married at Salem, a Missionary Baptist church about four miles from the home of the bride. There intention was to have a quiet marriage, with only the preacher and one or two witnesses; but the news got out some how and there was quite a congregation present. After the marriage the bride pair returned to the home of the bride's mother, ate supper and went to their home at Workman.

The bride is a member of the Free Will Baptist, and the groom a Presbyterian. They have the good wishes of many friends for their future happiness and success. The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. Wilder.

Commencement Then and Now.

The old Commencement Day of the freshwater, sectarian college is gone forever, even though our youth should come to us again. It has departed with the age when a plug hat and a Prince Albert were the ne plus ultra of male splendor of attire; when dinner was at noon, when there were fried potatoes and fried steak for breakfast, and for supper stewed dried peaches, cake and tea. All gone, and gone forever.

I returned to the Commencement at the old place not long ago. It was not the old place at all. The North Building was bestowed away in an obscure nook as one hides the crayon portraits of Pap and Mother, once thought to be so fine—the old North, down whose spiral stair-rails we slid so gaily from the top floor to the basement. The old flagpole was gone. There were no ragweeds in the front campus, and the paths were paved. There were fine buildings of cut stone with so many modern improvements that they didn't seem natural.

It was all changed. There was no platform under the canvas canopy, and no young orators filled their lungs with the June air laden with the perfume of the blossoming alyssums. The Commencement exercises were held in the chapel, and instead of a brass band the organist vainly tried to catch the step of the President for the Priest's March from "Athalia." The faculty, the graduating class, all togged out in fancy-colored hoods and swishing in black gowns with mortar boards whose tassels gave each a riotous black eye, sauntered up the aisle. Instead of making burning speeches, the class sat down placidly in the audience and listened—or appeared to listen—to a Commencement orator. "Some big gun from some where"—Eugene Wood, in the June Everybody's.

Hickory Chapel Sunday School.

- May 12th, 07, School opened with song and prayer by Supt.
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Class No. 5 Teacher present. Scholars present 10, collection 40c.
Class No. 6 Teacher present. Scholars present 10, collection \$1.75.
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The Chinese Sufferers.

About a week ago the Loyal Temperance Legion sent \$100 made up by the little ones for the suffering children in the great Asiatic continent. God bless the little ones who are being taught to have sympathy for suffering humanity wherever they find it. Bro. Jno C. Singleton of Goldsboro, N. C. also sends in 100 to be sent to the sufferers across the Pacific. We are greatly pleased that our country has sent so much to them and yet it might have been much more very easily God's blessings will surely rest upon those who love to act the part of the good Samaritan.

Funeral Notice.

Eld. Fred McLawhon will preach the funeral of J. J. Harrison, who was an aged member of Howell Swamp church, but who has resided for several years at Warsaw, N. C. on the 23rd Sunday in June at Howell Swamp church near his old home in Greene Co. Bro. Harrison was an old soldier of the cross who laid his armor by two weeks ago. He died at Warsaw, but was buried at his old home place near the above mentioned church. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."

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Eld. J. A. Givens, 1.00
By Eld. H. J. Whaley:
J. W. Bowen, 50

Notices.

The convention of the Woman's Home Missionary Society will meet at Zion church, Early county Georgia, on Saturday before the first Sunday in June. Hope every church in the Midway Association will send delegates. MARY HAWKY.

Lecture at the M. E. Church.

Rev. J. R. Moose, a Missionary who has spent seven years in Korea, on the Asiatic Continent, will lecture in the Methodist Church here on Thursday the 23rd of May. He will give two lectures: On, Thursday evening at 4 o'clock, he will address the ladies who may wish to attend. At 8 o'clock at night, he will speak to the public. All are invited. He is a fine speaker and will have many excellent and interesting facts to arouse the minds of the people. Let us not fail to take in this unusual treat.

Notice.

To all Free Will Baptist of Ala., Fla. and Ga. The Annual Convention of the above named states will meet Friday before the 4th Sunday in June, at Union Springs Henry county, Ala. All associations are requested to send delegates. Delegates coming via the Central of Ga., will be met at Columbia, Ala. and those coming via A. C. L., will be met at Panzy Ala. Saturday before the 4th Sunday. Important matters are to be discussed at the convention, a full delegation is expected. I will attend this year in person, the Lord willing.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE STATE LINE ASSOCIATION.

The second annual session of the State Line Free Will Baptist Association convened with New Salem church, Marion county, Ala., September 15th to 17th, 1906.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met pursuant to the request of the moderator. Singing by the congregation and prayer by the moderator, after which he called the body to order.

Motion to seat Bro. J. C. Provins as delegate from Barnesville.

Motion, to seat Bro. H. C. Barnes as a delegate from Rocky Grove church.

Called for petitionary letters and opened the doors for the reception of new churches.

Motion to empower the moderator to appoint committee on preaching and the following were appointed: Bros. L. M. Howell, J. B. Watts, M. S. Roberson, with the deacons of the church.

Motion that we adopt the former order of business.

Motion that we dispense with all business until we secure homes for the delegates.

Appointed the following committees: On documents and order of business: Bros. J. C. Provins, James Winton, S. P. Brown, Rev. L. L. Nichols, J. B. White, J. A. Johnson, W. K. Turman with the moderator and clerk.

On Literature—E. M. Holmes, T. B. Justice, M. M. Pickle.

On Sabbath Schools—E. M. Belk, H. C. Barnes.

On Obituaries—J. H. Franklin, J. G. Gann, J. S. Stone.

On Finance—L. J. Pickle, J. B. Watts, G. W. Stone, J. J. Palmer, G. W. Mason, L. M. Howell, M. S. Roberson.

Motion to adjourn until Monday morning 8 o'clock. Singing by congregation, prayer by S. P. Brown.

Order of service on Sunday: Saturday night Rev. L. L. Nichols preached—text: Tim. 4:1. Sunday 11 a. m. Rev. J. G. Boyett preached—text: 1st Cor. 15:19. Sunday night, Rev. J. E. Tooke—text: Ex. 3:4.

MONDAY MORNING, SEPT. 17.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. J. A. Johnson. The moderator called the body to order and the clerk called the roll, and the body proceeded to business.

Motion to seat Rev. R. E. Tooke as a visiting brother. Called for order of committees.

On documents and order of business reports as follows: We, your committee beg leave to report, Sec. 1, we find two churches asking for the next association to wit: Barnesville and New Center point.

Sec. 2. We recommend that the body decide where the association shall be.

Section 3. We recommend that this body meet on Saturday before the third Sunday in Sept., 1907.

Section 4. We recommend that Rev. J. A. Johnson preach the introductory sermon and Rev. W. K. Turman be his alternate.

Sec. 5. We recommend no union meeting in the associational year of 1907.

Section 6. We recommend that the ministers report to the association their work during the associational year and give the name of each individual that contributed to them.

Section 7. We recommend that we have the reading of the union meeting and have it appended to our minutes.

Section 8. We recommend that we give the clerk five dollars for his services and that he superintend the printing of the minutes. We further recommend that he correct all mistakes.

Section 9. We recommend that any person who has withdrawn from any church of the Free Will Baptist order is ineligible to membership in any church in this association until he first makes satisfaction to the church to which he belonged, except said church is dissolved.

Section 10. We recommend that we correspond with Bear Creek, Jasper and Vernon Associations. We further recommend that we send \$1.00 to each of these associations as minute funds and request that they send that amount of minutes to the clerk, M. V. Nichols, Hamilton, Ala., R. F. D. No. 2, Box 39.

Respectfully submitted, J. C. PROVINS, Chm.

The report was voted on by sections and adopted. Resolved, that Barnesville have the next association. Motion to adjourn until 1 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. L. L. Nichols. Rev. J. B. White preached Monday at 11 o'clock—text: Gen. 4:8.

EVENING SESSION.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. W. K. Turman.

Motion to hear the report of committee on Sabbath Schools. Report is as follows: We find one Sunday School at New Salem. We recommend that the ministers and members of the State Line Association assist with their means and presence in carrying the Sabbath Schools to success in every church in this association.

Respectfully submitted, E. M. BELK, Chairman.

On Obituaries—Report as follows: Since last associational death has visited us. Rocky Grove church 3 deaths, Bro. John Littleton, age about 70 years. Sister Rosanna Hammark, age about 50 years; sister Meddie Conn, age about 26 years. New Center Point church, two deaths, Bro. Henry Pickle, age about 70; sister Pearce, age 40. New Salem church, one death, Bro. A. J. Purkle, age about 32 years.

Respectfully submitted, J. H. FRANKLING, Chm.

Report received and committee discharged.

(Continued in minute form.)

KEEP THE COMMANDS.

Mr. EDITOR:—I want to speak a few words to the divided brethren. First, Matt. 28:19, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen." Mark 1:9, 10.

"And it came to pass in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in the Jordan and straight way coming up out of the water he saw the heavens open, and the spirit like a dove descending upon him." 11 verses "And there came a voice from heaven saying, Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." Now brethren was the heaven open or was the spirit shown to Christ until he arose from the baptism? I don't understand that the water was applied to Christ, then brethren, if he was buried in baptism, he was not close by, nor near too, but in the river. I fear there are too many looking on the map that is struck out by man. I see pictures now being used as a form, with Christ knelt down and John standing over him with a pitcher of water.

Mark 1:14, 15 "Now after John was put in prison, Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the gospel, the kingdom of God is at hand repent ye and believe the gospel." Christ says, "He that is buried with me in baptism, shall also arise with me." Gal. 3:4, 5. "For if any man thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself, but let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another, for every man shall bear his own burden." Let him that is taught in the word, communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things, he not deceived, for God is not mocked." Brethren, would we make a mock of God by being deceived by the deceiver, and reap the things that are pertaining to the flesh? Let us not be weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not. Then if we are followers of Christ, let us teach others. "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith." "Ye see how large a letter I have written unto you with my own hand." Now brethren, this large letter that composes the New Testament, and as many of us as desire to walk in the light, let us show in the flesh, that we desire to prove a blessing to all believing children, who desire to follow Christ in baptism. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, let us do our whole duty, and follow the example Christ has put down, then we will not be divided. United we stand, divided we fall. I am only serving two churches, and have two local appointments. May God bless all his children. Let brotherly love continue.

Your humble brother, N. E. MASSEY.

Sylvester, Ga.

Everything takes the color of the glass through which we look.

DEATH CAUSED BY DISOBEDIENCE.

Man was made good, and very good. As God finished his work he said it was good. He gave every thing a law of nature, but gave man the grand privilege of enjoying all his workmanship, with a small exception which is the tree of knowledge. He placed it in the midst of the garden, and said, "Thou shalt not eat thereof, and the day that thou eatest thereof, thou shalt surely die. Can a man live in the image of God after he disobeys God's law? Did Adam die that day, temporarily? No, he lived and brought up a family before he died. So in Adam all died spiritually, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. Is a man a whole man without a soul, or is the soul a man without a body? So we conclude that death, meant "dead." Was Adam concerned soul and body in the transgression, or was he just concerned mentally? Can the body sin without the mind is concerned? Can the spirit serve God without the body? "With the heart man believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." So, as it takes soul and body to make the man, we must consider that when God speaks to us he refers to the spirit and the body together, as it takes a union of the body and spirit to make a man, so the soul that sineth shall surely die." He did not tell Adam that his spirit would die, neither did he tell him that his body would die; but, he told him in the day that he violated his law, he should die.

I will ask some of the brethren to write on this subject, hoping that we all may learn something more of ourselves. I ask all to pray for me.

Your brother in Christ, W. H. BAILEY.

James Mill, Ala.

HUMILITY.

DEAR EDITOR:—Will you allow me space for a few words on this subject. I love to think about this subject. "Learn of me for I am meek and lowly in heart." Matt. 11:29. To me one of the saddest things in all the life of Jesus Christ, was the fact, that just before his crucifixion, his disciples should have been striving to see who should be the greatest, that night that he instituted the supper, and they ate the passover together. It was his last night on earth and they never saw him so sorrowful before. He knew that Judas was going to sell him for 30 pieces of silver. He knew that Peter would deny him, and yet in addition to this, when going into the very shadow of the cross, there arose this strife as to who should be the greatest. He took a towel and girded himself like a slave took a basin of water, and washed their feet. The reason Christ gives for leaving of him is because he is humble. Let us cast off the old man with his pride, formality, and fashion, take on the new, get down on our knees in the valley of humility, and learn of him. Bro. preacher, teach your flock to be more humble in the sight of God. Pray for me.

Yours in Christ, W. V. DENTON.

Wakefield, N. C.

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HARVEST GREAT, LABORERS FEW.

DEAR EDITOR:—This is my first effort, and I want to speak on the great work before us. I have been traveling and preaching much this year, and I have found that the harvest is great, but the laborers are few. Brethren, I want us to wake up, for there are so many of our preachers that are at home on the stool of do nothing. I saw in the BAPTIST that Bro. St. Claire was going to resign on account of means to support himself. Get your churches to wake up to a full sense of their duty, for many of our preachers hands are tired, for lack of finance to forward the work. Our denomination is careless, and neglect their ministers, and I want us to make new resolutions, to do more for the advancement of the cause of Christ, for thousands are dying out of Christ. Let us consider this and do more for the preachers, that they may spread the gospel over all the land. May God bless all.

Yours in Christ, J. H. HARRIS.

Greggs, Ga.

TO CHURCHES OF N. C.

DEAR BRETHREN:—Sunday June 30th, has been set apart by the National Convention of the Anti-Saloon League, as "Stainless Flag" Sunday, as the following copy of the resolution will explain:

"Therefore be it Resolved, that the last Sunday in June to wit, June 30th, 1907, which will be the Sunday preceding the 4th. of July 1907 be observed by the Anti-Saloon League of America as a day of agitation and prayer by the Churches cooperating in the League against the evils of the liquor traffic, and especially the complicity of civil government in the said traffic through various methods of license taxation, mule and internal rev. exc. collections; the said Sunday, June 30th, to be called "Stainless Flag Sunday."

And in order that the observance of the said Sunday may be as fruitful as possible in widespread expansion of patriotic sentiment against the national perils of this baneful traffic, and in favor of the abolition thereof as speedily as possible, our State Anti-Saloon Leagues are hereby requested to secure a concurrent discussion by the pastors of all the churches, and to provide for the distribution upon this Sunday at the various churches, of as many copies as possible of the eloquent and convincing address of Dr. Chapman upon the subject of the "Stainless Flag", the State Superintendents to tabulate in their next report to the National Convention, the number of their churches thus taking part, and the number of copies of the address circulated on the "Stainless Flag Sunday."

Copies of the address referred to in the above resolution may be had at low rates upon application to B. S. Chapman, D. D. Supt. Anti Saloon League, Los Angeles, Cal. But whether you order copies of the address or not I beg you not to fail to take your part in this effort to arouse the whole nation to the evil of liquor and the liquor traffic. Let us have a plea for a Stainless Flag in every North Carolina pulpit on June 30th, or in cases where several

churches are ministered to by one pastor, throughout the month of July.

Yours in the work, J. W. BAILEY.

NOTICE.

To the brethren that want to form another association, and split off from the South Ga. association, this is to notify the brethren, that want to go in this association, to send a short letter, to the South Ga. association, petitioning them to dismiss them from her body. Send the letters to C. C. Butler, Sproule, Ga. by the 15th of Oct and he will carry them to the body. Also send delegates, letters, and money to meet us in our first session to be held with Corinth church, Pierce Co. Ga. Delegates will come to Waycross and change cars, and come to Bolan on the A. B. and A. R. R. Thursday before the second Sunday in Nov embracing Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Remember the time brethren, Thursday night before the second Sunday in November.

Respectfully, C. C. BUTLER.

Sproule, Ga.

THANKS.

Please give me space in this dear paper, to give thanks to Bro. St. Claire for sending me \$1.00 for the mission work in Ala. May God bless him and his children.

Dear brethren and sisters, I am going to start just as soon as I get enough money to go on. May God open the hearts of the brethren and sisters, of the F. W. B. churches, to help spread the gospel of Jesus Christ, to those who are hungry for it.

Who else will help? May God bless every reader of this dear paper.

Your servant in Christ, J. V. KLOSSER.

Reynolds Ga.

ANSWER TO QUESTION.

DEAR EDITOR:—Please allow me space to answer on question, that has been asked me so many times, for my reason for not wanting to become a member of conference, and have my name on the list of ministers.

1. I am too old and blind to be in the way of other men.

2. I am not seeking high places, neither popularity nor am I seeking the care of any church, I only try to fill my calling, and that is to go to the nooks and corners, to the poor forsaken and cast-aways, and preach to them Jesus. Now, I hope this will answer all, and truly hope that all divisions, and strife may cease, and all go forward for God, and attend to his own business, and let us all live in love and peace.

Yours for Jesus, J. WILSON.

Talbot, N. C.

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2. We believe that there is one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, the only begotten Son of God, born of the Virgin Mary, whom God freely sent into this world, because of the great love wherewith he loved the world; and Christ as freely gave himself a ransom for all, tasting death for every man; who was buried and rose again the third day, and ascended into Heaven, from whence we look for Him, the second time, in the clouds of Heaven, at the last day to judge both the quick and dead.—1. Tim. ii. 5, 6; Heb. ii. 9; St. John iii. 16; Rev. i. 7; Acts xxiv. 15; 1. John iv. 19.
3. We believe that there is one Holy Ghost, the precious gift of the Father through His dear Son, unto the world, who quickeneth and draweth sinners home to God, and abideth in us, Acts ii. 4; Eph. i. 13; Eph. iv. 4, 5, 6.
4. We believe that in the beginning God made man upright, and placed him in a state of glory, without the least mixture of misery, from which he voluntarily, by transgression, fell, and by that means, brought on himself a miserable and mortal state, subject to death.—Gen. ii. 17; iii. 19.
5. We believe that God is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance, and the knowledge of the truth, that they might be saved; for which end Christ hath commanded, that he should be preached among all nations and to every creature.—Mark xvi. 15; Luke xlvii. 47; John iii. 16-17; 1. Tim. ii. 4.
6. We believe that no man shall suffer in hell for want of a Christ; he died for him, but as the Scripture has said, for denying the Lord that bought them; because they believed not in the name of the only begotten Son of God. Unbelief, therefore, being the cause why the just and righteous God of Heaven will condemn the children of men; it follows against all contradiction that all men, at one time or other, are found in such a capacity as that through the grace of God they may be eternally saved.—Acts xvii. 30; Mark vi. 6; Heb. iii. 10; 1. John v. 10.
7. We believe the whole Scripture are infallibly true, and that they are the only rules of faith and practice.—II. Tim. iii. 16, 17.
8. We believe in the doctrine of General Provision made of God in Christ, for the benefit of all mankind, who repent and believe the Gospel.—Luke xlv. 16, 20; Matt. xxviii. 19, 20; Luke xlii. 1, 2; Acts xlii. 47; Acts iii. 19; Mark i. 15.
9. We believe that sinners are drawn to God, the Father, by the Holy Ghost, through Christ His Son, and that the Holy Ghost offers his divine aid to all the human family, so as they all might be happy, would they give place to His divine teaching; whereas, such who do not receive the divine impression of the Holy Spirit, shall, at a future day, own their condemnation just, and charge themselves with their own damnation, for wilfully rejecting the offer of everlasting life.—1. Cor. xii. 27; St. John vi. 44 and 65; Ps. l. 1; Tit. ii. 11, 12; Jer. xxii. 29.
10. We believe that men, not considered simply as men, but as guilty men, were of old ordained to condemnation; considered such who turn the grace of God unto lasciviousness, deny the only Lord God, who is our Lord Jesus Christ, who bought them, and therefore shall bring upon themselves swift destruction; but we observe that they are not such, who are saved because they receive not the love of the truth, that they might be saved; therefore the indignation and wrath of God is upon every soul that doth not doeth evil, living and dying therein; for there is no respect of persons with God.—Jude 1, 4; H. Peter II. 1; II. Thes. ii. 12; Rom. ix. 11.
11. We believe that all children dying in infancy, having not actually transgressed against the law of God, in their own persons, are only subject to the first death, which was brought on them by the fall of the first Adam, and not that any one of them dying in that state, shall suffer punishment in hell by the guilt of Adam's sin; for such is the kingdom of God.—1. Cor. xv. 22; Matt. xxviii. 1-3; Mark ix. 45, 47; Matt. xii. 13.
12. We believe that good works are the fruits of a saving faith, and that in the use of the means of grace, and not out of the use of those means, eternal life is promised to man.—1. Cor. xiii. 14, 15; Isa. 19, 20; Matt. vii. 1, 8; Jer. vi. 16; Luke xiii. 34, 35.
13. We believe that no man has any warrant in the Holy Scriptures, for justification before God through his own works, power, or ability which he has in and of himself, only as he by grace is made able to come to God, through Jesus Christ; believing the righteousness of Jesus Christ to be imputed to all believers for their eternal acceptance with God.—Rom. iv. 24; Acts viii. 20, 31.
14. We believe that all things are foreseen in the wisdom of God, so that God knoweth whatsoever can or cannot come to pass, upon all supposed conditions; yet not as having decreed any person to everlasting death or everlasting life, out of respect or mere choice, farther than He has appointed the souls unto life, and the ungodly, who die in sin unto death.—Heb. iv. 12; Prov. viii. 26, 28, 29, 30, 31; Matt. xxv. 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46.
15. We believe, an touching Gospel ordinance, in baptism, laying on of the hands, receiving of the sacrament in bread and wine, washing the saints' feet, anointing the sick with oil in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, fasting, prayer, and the public ministry of the Word, with every institution of the Lord we shall find in the New Testament.—Matt. xvi. 15, 16; Acts viii. 17; Acts xix. 6; Luke xxii. 19, 20; John xiii. 6-17; James v. 14.
16. We believe the Gospel mode of baptism is by immersion, and that the believers are the only subjects for baptism.—Matt. iii. 16; Mark i. 9-10; Acts ii. 38, 39; Rom. vi. 4; Col. ii. 12.
17. We believe in the general resurrection of the dead and a final judgment at the last day.—John v. 28, 29; II. Cor. v. 13.
18. We believe the happiness of the righteous is eternal and the torment of the wicked are endless.—Matt. xxv. 46.
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