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FIFTY YEARS IN THE MINISTRY.

Subject of an interesting Lecture at the Free Will Baptist Church Last Night.

An interesting lecture, or rather talk, on the subject of "Fifty years in Free Will Baptist Ministry" was delivered last evening by Rev. Thomas E. Peden, a former president of the West Virginia College at Flemington. Perforing his remarks, Rev. Peden stated that he was born in Huntington township, Gallia county, Ohio, September 13, 1832, and was brought up on a farm. He was educated in the common schools and the Albany Manual Labor University. He intended to study law and built many air castles of success in financial, legal and political undertakings. While in school he realized that he was depraved and must be regenerated, or he could never be happy in time or eternity. He went forward to the altar earnestly praying for pardon and found the pearl of great price and that satisfaction of soul that is far better than rubies and diamonds and abides with him at the present time. This was in September, in a meeting held by Rev. Luke DeWit a Presbyterian minister, but Elder Ira Z. Haning, a Free Will Baptist, preached the night he went forward. Soon after this he begun to feel that God had called him to preach the Gospel. This was a severe trial, for it destroyed all his great expectations for honor and wealth, for the Free Will Baptist were then much weaker financially and numerically than they are today.

Worldly honors must be given up at the call of God, and hard work and nearly no pay, took the place of visions of wealth and worldly honors. His first sermon was preached at the Fair Play school house, in Meigs county Ohio, to his old friends and boyhood associates. Soon after this he was chosen the superintendent of the graded school in Saracuse, Ohio, and in connection with that had four appointments to preach where there were no Free will Baptist churches, as he had license from the Albany church and the Athens quarterly meeting. The labors were blessed and every weeks he had to send twenty miles for an ordained minister to come and baptize converts.

Long before the year that his license was to run had expired, they sent a council, consisting of Elders Ira Z. Haning and Ganet Coler, to ordain him to the full work of the ministry. From that time down to the present he has followed the double calling of preaching and teaching. He often rode nearly all night to reach his school by nine o'clock Monday morning, from a distant appointment. Often tired, cold and sleepy, he would stop with a benevolent friend and find the bed in which he was expected to

COLUMBIA, ALA.

DEAR EDITOR:—Please spare me a small space in your paper. I will try not take to much room, for I think there are others that can give better instruction than I can. I feel my nothingness in the sight of God. I feel like we all don't pray enough in faith for I think prayer is the key that unlocks heaven. I think that is one good way to commune with God. What a sweet thought it is to know of the truth that we have God for a Savior, if we will only trust him. How sweet it is in God, for we know he is a friend in need and a friend in deed; and one that will never go back on us. I don't care how deep a trouble you get into, he will help you out if you will only trust and obey. He says he will be with you in the sixth trouble, and in the seventh, he will not forsake you.

I have just returned home from a good meeting at Prospect church, Dotan Ala. I know it was as good a meeting as I was ever in. I think there were thirty additions, I don't know the exact number but we had a fine meeting. Bros. Eldridge, Parish and Cherry, preached for us. Bro. Eldridge is our pastor, he is among the best in my knowledge. Brothers and sisters, I do love to see a preacher practice what he preaches, but I don't believe in letting the preacher do it all, for they can't just pick you up and give you to God. While he tells you what to do, you must be praying to God, for strength to overcome temptation.

Love, is a great thing, for Jesus said, "Love one another for by this all men will know you are my disciples." Dear readers I am trying to live so I can be one of his disciples and I think I love everybody, and especially all of God's people. It is sad to think of so many who know nothing of God in the pardon and forgiveness of their sins.

I am glad to hear of so many saloons being closed. I do truly hope that the whole land and country, will be cleared of that nasty stuff, and that the good people will keep their eyes open and punish all that run blind tigers, with the punishment they deserve and that all will turn, and live for God and his cause before it is too late, is the prayers of one that loves God and his cause. I do truly ask the prayers of all God's people, that we may raise our children for God and His cause; so when they get old, they will not depart from it, for we know the prayers of the righteous availeth much.

Dear readers, let us see how many of us can love our enemies, if any one of us have an enemy, let us make that a special object, and pray as we have never prayed before especially for that enemy; and pray with faith, nothing doubting, and see what happens. I know God will answer prayer if it comes from the heart.

In the olden time (and yet not so very long since) there was a freshness, a life, a power, an interest in Christian testimony which, as the general thing, is today sadly lacking. Testimonies are too stereotyped, too formal, too unvarying. If we grow there ought to be evidence of growth.—Exchange.

MUCH LOVE TO THE BAPTIST AND ITS MANY READERS.

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Yours in the name of Jesus,
Mrs. W. A. OTT.

GENERAL CONFERENCE NEAR.
DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS:—How near General Conference is upon us! Just two more months, and the time will be here O, I do hope the people will get a move upon them, and get to doing something in earnest.

Brethren, the time is here when the Free Will Baptist must either move forward or step down and out. Which shall it be? Every true loyal Free Will Baptist is ready to shout forward; yet it seems to me, there is no need to lay back. Just see what other denominations are doing, moving along with the times. Brethren and sisters, let us do so. Alas, let us put forth every effort at General Conference, to have our Seminary ended, we need more ground and dormitories and an up to date college, and we can have it, others do and we have just as wealthy peoples there are in any church; hence let us put our force to work and move along.

We have our mission work to look after, there never was so much need of mission work as at the present. Brethren won't you draft constitutions and bylaws for the National Woman's Missionary society, or if we have any, will some good brother or sister inform me where I can get same. I sent to Maine for a constitution, but found it to be a Free Baptist, instead of a Free Will. Now what we want, is a genuine old fashioned Free Will Baptist constitution and bylaws for the National Woman's Missionary Society which is recognized by the General Conference. Then we can go ahead and organize Auxiliary societies, and fix a stated amount of dues, and thus secure missionary funds, systematically and continually. But, until we do have a system to work by, our hands are tied, in a manner, Will you help us?

I would like to hear from Sister Hattie Dowdy, our National Secretary, also Sister Harrington, our Treasurer, as to how much we have in the treasury. You know we will need to make our report as to what the society has done since last General Conference, and how much we have received, and how much has been paid out, and what for. Sisters, let us attend to this at once, will you?

Brother Upton, will you please report to General Conference, what an effort we put forth up in Ohio for the mission work, and the results of same.

Brethren and sisters, let us earnestly pray Gods blessings upon the work that we may have plans put forth at the Conference which may be the means of doing more for the denomination in general, in the next three years to come than ever before.

Yours in hope of Heaven,
LAURA HOBSTETTER.
Ayden, N. C.

FROM DEEP RUN, N. C.

DEAR EDITOR:—After a long time I have concluded to write and let the many readers of your valuable paper hear from Leoir County once more. We are going along slow, but are trying to be true Free Will Baptists. I think our churches are doing well.

We in the Eastern Conference are getting to have better church buildings, in which to worship God. Our people go to church very well, we have good large congregations, especially on Sunday, but not so many at night. Not very many people go to church on Saturdays, and I can't tell why this is the case, but nevertheless it is true in some places. Several reasons might be assigned for this state of affairs. We have union meetings on fifth Sundays and we can't raise very much money but our churches represent, very well and all send in some money for home missions and help to build, and repair our old churches.

In the third district union of the Eastern Conference, we have sent out four preachers to try to revive two old gone down churches, which we hope to succeed in doing. I was with one of the churches on Saturday and held communion with them, and the church seemed to enjoy our visit with them. These churches are near our doors, and we ought to build them up before we go out and try to build new ones, and have no one to take charge of them. We do not try to raise very much money, for we have a number of very poor people that can't pay much, and they want to begin at home to help the needy. I think we after a while will do better on this line. We old preachers have never taught our churches their duty as we should. Why? Because we were not taught our duty; but we hope to learn a lesson on this, before very long. When we begin to feel and know the need of it, then we will fall in line and go to work. Our people are able and have the means to do a good work for the Master but we will have to go slow. We have several calls for our help; we have mission points that want our help; we have a school at Ayden, N. C. that is an honor to all Free Will Baptists and is doing a great work for our denomination, and sending out every year young and well equipped preachers, which call on us for help. We ought to help if we are able to do so, and I think it not far in the future that our people will come together and stand by Prof. T. E. Peden, who is doing so much for our boys that are called to preach. Time only can tell how much good the Prof. has done. Our Denomination, our Evangelist calls for help but we can't help them very much yet. We do hope that the time will soon come when the people will be able and then be willing to make some sacrifice for the cause of our Lord and Master.

H. C.

CITY RID OF SALOONS.

DEAR EDITOR:—I again come knocking for admission to your columns, I will if admitted only ask for a small space and a moment of your time.

The outlook here is very promising indeed, last fall by an overwhelming majority, the temperance people said by their vote, that saloons must leave our beautiful city and the law makers championed by that noble hero passed the Pendleton law, which allows us a vote upon this question, and on the first day of next April, Jackson will be a dry town. Thirty saloons will leave this city and upon their ruins we hope to found a church for God and heaven.

Brethren, we can build a church in Jackson if we had the right kind of leaders. I wish some of our National Evangelists could feel impressed to preach this way and reach the pure Gospel of the precious Son of God.

I want to attend the General Conference at Nashville, and will endeavor to have the Flat Creek Association represented by both letter and delegates.

If any of our leading ministers desire to visit this part of the country, and organize a station or church, and will write me, I shall do all in my power to make their stay in the city, both profitable and pleasureable.

Brethren, if you cannot visit us, pray that we may lead a true upright consecrated Christian life.

Yours in hope of heaven,
W. A. POOLE.
Jackson, Tenn.

SUPPORT THE MINISTRY.

DEAR EDITOR:—Will you be so kind as to allow me space in the BAPTIST to let its many readers hear from me.

Praise God I am still on the sunny side of life and I find the way gets brighter all along, and it fills my heart with joy to read the good old BAPTIST, and see what the good Lord is doing for the people. I am glad to know of so many that has taken up the Cross and following Jesus.

Dear Bros. and sisters; that is what we need. More that are willing to go out in this dark world, like Bro. St. Claire and plead with sinners until they turn and come to God. God bless Bro. St. Claire and his sweet little children.

So may we all as Free Will Baptist, do more for the cause, in the future than we have in the past. Dear Bro. if you can't preach, pay someone else to preach. For this old world is sick and sick unto death. Bros. and sisters, we are to blame, for we will not send our preachers as other denominations do; if we would, it would not be long before we would win the world for Jesus.

So wake up and see where we stand and see how far we are from our duty.

So pray for me, that I may be up and doing when Jesus comes.

I am yours for Jesus.
G. W. WILSON.
Velma, Ga.

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EDUCATIONAL NOTES

Many teachers are attending Summer Schools to brighten up for the work of the coming year.

We find many Free Will Baptist families who fail to take the paper, surely this is an injurious oversight, in fact criminal neglect of duty.

Earl Mauck one of our Cheshire students, has become one of the owners of the Gallipolis Journal. He has had considerable experience in editorial work.

If the reported discovery of a petrified Aztec woman in Arizona is true, it will be a key to unlock much of the history of that interesting and almost prehistoric race.

We hope the students will be at the Seminary the 26 of this month, so we can commence the new school year aright and make it one of phenomenal progress and solid advancement.

Nearly all colleges are enlarging their curriculums and raising the grade required for entrance. This is required by the general advancement of education and new scientific discoveries.

We can not expect our children to respect our beloved denomination very highly, if we are too penurious to pay the insignificant sum of one paltry dollar per year to keep them posted in regard to its work and progress.

Two of the infirmity Directors of Gallia County, Ohio be long to the Ewington Free Will Baptist Church, namely, Brethren Samuel H. Matthews, and James K. Peden. We know of no other case like it.

We rejoice in common with the temperance people of the world, over the Prohibition victory in Georgia, the Empire State of the South. All other states who have not Prohibition ought to follow her example at once.

We are greatly cheered by the progress our denomination has made, the past year, in all the sections we have visited and we are more than ever convinced that it has a glorious and successful future, if we stand firmly by our name and principles.

Eld John P. Boyd of Wellston Ohio, made us a present of a translation of the Peshito, or Syriac New Testament. This is considered by scholars almost as valuable as the original Greek and is an excellent work for reference in teaching the Scriptures.

The students and friends of Wilkesville, Ohio Academy recently held a reunion, decorated the grave of Prof. F. M. Cheadle, a former principal, had a bountiful dinner, and listened to addresses by Dr. C. B. Taylor, S. F. Smith, Editor of the Pomeroy Leader and others. An effort to transfer the property to the village board of education failed.

DR. BROUGHTON IN NEW YORK.

The city of New York is at last getting Gospel Preaching the kind your correspondent has so long contended this wicked center needed.

A Gospel of "Hell Fire" as Broughton terms it is being proclaimed on Broadway by the Atlanta Minister brought here to help stem the tide of sin and debauchery sweeping over the city.

The press pronounces the preacher as the superior of Sam Jones in force eloquence and argument. The large lot adjoining Broadway Tabernacle, one of the leading Churches has been enclosed and is used for the great meeting now in progress.

Sunday evening the Tabernacle had a congregation of fifty, the tent thousands.

People are flocking to the tent and the fiery divine is having his hands upheld by good citizens of Greater New York.

The Churches and preachers who have been discussing the question "Why do not people attend church?" now realize the reason. Dr. Broughton asserts that Paris is the wickedest City on earth, with New York a close second.

The fashionable life, the sporting element, the city officials, particularly the Police Department all are coming in for a share of the Doctors cutting criticisms and they are being held up as responsible for the way things are going here. More will be heard of this great meeting and its results will be a general awakening and the preachers and people will learn that, "Old time religion" is the kind the Metropolis needs and must have to accomplish results.

The meetings did fair to excel the Gipsy Smith ones which although great were of an entirely different type. Smith preached a gospel of love easy smooth in his speech and methods he won his way to the hearts of men and women by the score Broughton pours "hot shot" proclaims punishment for sin in no uncertain sound lets the "chips fly no matter whom they hit."

It is gratifying to the writer who has so frequently contended the "Broughton blows" were the thing needed to see they are.

New York is hard-hearted but a soft place remains and it is open to conviction or more truthfully afraid of future punishment.

H. W. FINLAYSON.
450 Broadway.

MEETING AT CASEY'S CHAPEL.

On Saturday, night before the 4th Sunday in July, the the revival services began at Casey's Chapel, and continued until the 1st Sunday in August.

Our pastor, Rev. J. F. Hill, was ably assisted by Rev. Lunda Lee, of Dunn, N. C. Bro. Lee is a Gospel preacher. He seldom refers to art, science or philosophy, but seems always burdened with a message for needy sinners and weak saints. His illustrations are always forcible, and frequently so quaint that memory often calls them back.

His very dogmatism is soon recognized as the authoritative voice of God's messenger. Through the influence of his preaching, our souls were persuaded to yield to their convictions and connect themselves with the band who are striving to conquer the world for Jesus. This seems like a

small number where there were so many unsaved; yet if the religion of these prove true, his labor will not have been in vain. Many others were greatly impressed yet they preferred waiting a little longer. Although they did not yield, they were much interested; this they expressed by their presence, their conversion and their liberal contribution at the close of the meeting.

Twice during the meeting our partor preached. He, like Bro. Lee, when heard is recognized as one of God's messengers. His presence always makes glad the people of Casey's Chapel. For nearly thirty years he has held this church as pastor, and through his integrity and fortitude, his piety and devotion for the community both saint and sinner have learned to love and reverence him.

On one occasion our assistant pastor—Bro. J. F. Casey preached, who was also heard with interest. The enthusiasm of such a worker always awakens attention and commands respect. He gave a marvelous insight into his text, which was: "Take ye away the stone."

On Sunday morning before the regular services began while singing, "Entire Consecration," the congregation placed eighteen dollars and twenty-five cents on the table for Bro. Lee. This they were commended for in such a way we believe every one was glad that they helped to make the contribution.

On Tuesday morning, Aug. 6th the candidates with quite a number of spectators assembled at the waters edge. There another opportunity was given for joining the church, and an invalid lady accepted the invitation and was baptized with the others.

After baptism was over, the congregation returned to the church, the new members were received into full fellowship and then our pastor preached another excellent sermon.

SUDIE CASEY.

AN ALABAMA LETTER.

DEAR BAPTIST:—I will pen a few lines, as it has been some time since I have troubled you with anything from this part of God's vineyard.

I am very much delighted in reading the many good and interesting letters from the ministers, brothers and sisters in the Lord. Now I will say as ever before, that to occupy the medium is a good platform upon which to stand. But I think that some of the writers to your valuable paper get on the extreme when expressing their opinions on doctrinal points and ordinances of the gospel. A great deal has been said on baptism and feet washing. Now as to the ordinances of the gospel, they are all essentials; but I differ with many of our brethren as to gospel ordinances.

The Savior said to his apostles to go and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I command you, and lo I am with you always even unto the end of the world. Now if feet washing was ever taught by them after Christ's return to the Father, I fail to understand it; if so, there was never a record made of any time or place where they practiced it. However they might have

not been what our brother would call genuine Free Will Baptist and if that is it, I must confess that I am not either, and yet I have never belonged to any other, and have had Buck Bow enough to meet all such points with smiles when other brethren think different from me. Now, ordinances of the Gospel are institution of Divine Authority relating to the worship of God. Such as Baptism, Matt 28:19. 2 The Lord's supper 1 Cor. 11:24. 2. Public ministry or preaching and reading the word. Rom. 10:15; Eph. 4:13. Mark 16:7. 4. Hearing the Gospel, Mark 4:24 Rom. 10:17. 5. Public Prayer. 1 Cor. 14:15-19; Matt. 6:6, Ps. 51:7. 6. Singing of Psalms. Col. 3:16; Eph. 5:19. 7. Fasting. Jas 4:9; Matt. 9:15; Joel 2:12. 8. Solemn Thanks giving, Psal. 50:14; 1 Thes. 5:18

Now in conclusion will say in the many ordinances mentioned feet washing has been forgotten but I am willing to risk the genuineness of my convictions on this subject taking the Bible as my guide, backed by the Holy Spirit to lead. Now as to what the general conference will say about the genuineness of the subject I can't say, but the Lord willing I hope to be circulating among the great members that are expected to be at Nashville in Oct Now I write as the Spirit dictates and am willing to stand upon the medium and never let our little difference in opinion break our fellowship with my brothers and sisters in Christ all over the wide world. Love to all the brethren and sisters. Three cheers for the editor and our dear BAPTIST.

WOODS SPRINGFIELD.

NEWS FROM A GEORGIA CHURCH.

DEAR EDITOR:—Please allow me space in your dear paper to give an account of our protracted meeting at Double Branch church, Georgia union Association, Dooly Co., Ga. I am sorry to say that though we have a good church here and many members whose hearts are in their work, we have had no pastor all the year, and therefore we had rather a gloomy outlook for protracted meeting; but as God is always our helper in time of need, he sent us two preachers, both able and efficient men, name by: Bro. E. W. Wright, and Bro. W. H. Holmes to preach the gospel to needy and dying sinners and thanks be to God their efforts were wonderfully blessed. There were baptized into the fold of God fifteen members many of them young people, my self among them.

Many young people out of the Ark of the Savior left the church to keep from connecting them selves with God's people. The spirit was striving wonderfully with them. It is time we young people were becoming prepared to take the place of the older people, when God calls to their reward. Meanwhile we ought to work with them and speak a word for Jesus at every opportunity. The meeting began on Saturday, July 27, and ended on Sunday August 4th. At evening service on the last day we partook of the Lord's supper. Immediately afterwards we girded our selves with towels and washed each others feet as we read in the Gospel that we ought to do. Truly we had a glorious meeting, one which

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think was enjoyed by all, and for which we all ought to sing praises unto God. This closed the annual protracted meeting at Double Branch church, and leaves us all looking forward to another meeting next year. This is my first effort, but if I find that it escapes the waste basket, it shall not be my last. However, I will close, asking the prayers of all God's people, that I may hold out faithful to the end.

Yours for Jesus,
GEORGIE DUNAWAY.
Vicenna, Ga.
Aug. 5, 1907.

REPORT OF (GA.) UNIONS.

BROTHER EDITOR:—Please allow me space in your paper to make my report for the third quarter, for missions.

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| Zion church, | \$2 25; |
| Open Pond, | \$8 00; |
| Bethlehem, | \$2 10; |
| New Light, | \$3 50; |
| Total, | \$15 75. |

The time set for mission collection at Kestler church, was completely rained out. However we hope to make a big collection next quarter, prepare for it brethren. I am sorry to say, I am somewhat behind with mission money this year, but I know the cause, if every body could see the great improvement on our churches they would know why our church in Kesler is a credit to the town as well as the membership.

Well I will say a little about our good meetings this year. The Lord has wonderfully blessed us in South West Ga. We had a good meeting at Zion, seven members received, and the church revived. We then met with Open Pond, had a glorious revival, 25 were added to the church; but will tell you why, our Evangelist St. Claire, D. D., was with us and he is a storm where he goes. (He St. Claire) also helped me at Zion, and at New Light two days. We had a good meeting at Kestler, seven were added to the church. I was assisted by Rev. Ely, and the house is newly seated; and when I say he could be heard it is no joke, for he has a good set of lungs. We left Bro. Ely there. Then met with New Light church, in Calhoun county, I can truthfully say it was the best meeting we ever had there. Fifteen were added to the church, the meeting was good from the beginning, the house being crowded day and night. The Holy Ghost came with power and the church did the most of the preaching. We have one more meeting to run yet, at Bethlehem, will start 4th Sunday in Aug.

If I were not for taking so much space I would write more about our meetings, but guess I had better stop. Go I bless our Editor.
W. T. WILEY.
Hilton, Ga.

BRO. LEE'S GOOD WORK.

DEAR EDITOR:—I ask for a short space in the columns of the dear old BAPTIST, to let its many readers hear from my work in the month of July, 1907. I commenced a meeting at Robert's Grove, on Saturday before the first Sunday, and closed the second Sunday. Much good was done by the way of reviving the membership of the church, with two accessions, one by baptism and one from the Pentecostal church. From there, I attended for a few days, a meeting at my home church, Lee's Chapel, which was being conducted by the pastor, Bro. Rufin Johnson, assisted by Bro. C. A. Jackson. There was great good accomplished by these brethren among the membership of the church, with two conversions and additions. From this church I went to Savannah Hill, where I commenced a meeting on Saturday before the 3rd Sunday. The power of God seems to fall upon us in the beginning of the meeting and there was not a single service held all through the meeting after the first service, but what there was agonizing souls in the altar, crying for mercy. The Rev. C. A. Jackson rendered us some able service in this meeting by visiting and preaching for us three sermons. This meeting resulted in 15 conversion, 14 of which we dedicated to the Lord, by the ordinance of baptism. We had to close this meeting at least one week earlier than we ought to have done in order to reach other appointments ahead.

May God bless the BAPTIST and all the readers.
Yours in Christ,
LUNDA LEE.
Dunn, N. C.

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MURRAY B. HUTCHISON.
Zaleski, Ohio.

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

AYDEN, N. C.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 14, 1907.

SHORT NEWS ITEMS

In Town and Through the Surrounding Country:

—Read the notice of Floyd P. Loflin in another column.

—Miss Kate Wood of LaGrange is visiting at the home of Dr. Joseph Dixon.

—Mr. Johnnie Dixon of Black Jack, spent Saturday night in town, visiting friends.

—Miss Maggie Smith of Black Jack, is spending some time here, visiting relatives and friends.

—Miss Minnie Brown of Kinston, is spending this week visiting friends in and near town.

—Good meetings are being reported from Georgia, by Eld. Lumpkin and others. Many conversions.

—Eld. T. N. Manning who has been visiting his son near here, returned to Winterville Monday evening.

—Mr. and Mrs. Stancill Hodges leave this week for Burk, Va., near Washington D. C., visiting Mrs. Hodges people.

—Some complain that their publications are not published. It is impossible to get all in on time. This is our explanation.

—Eld. R. I. Corbett and wife arrived Saturday evening from Dar-dens, where he had been conducting a meeting at Roanoke Grove.

—Sister Emma McDonald of Blakely Ga., sends \$1.75 to be devoted to the Home Mission cause. God give us hundreds of this type.

—Many people left on last Tuesday morning for the Jamestown Exposition. There were so many it would be a task to mention them all.

—It is time for the churches to wake up to the great importance of our Ministers' Meeting and Union Conference and provide many delegates and good resolutions and go, ye go.

—The meeting at Cove closed last Friday night with several additions to the church. Elds. Pittman and Cunningham are at British Chapel, Lenoir county, in a meeting that will last until next Sunday night the 18th.

—Bro. J. W. Swain sends a notice about the union of the Albemarle district. May all the good brethren take hold of this matter in real earnest. Brethren don't let your union go by. All meet and make it valuable.

—The editor accompanied by his little daughter Mary, went to Kinston Saturday night and returned Monday morning, where he has been to visit his wife who is in the Robert Bruce McDaniel Memorial Hospital. He reports that his wife seems to be getting on very well considering the great trial through which she has passed.

A BUSY WEEK.

To Be A Record Breaker.

Jamestown Exposition, Va.—With one great state of the Union claiming an entire week, and another a day, and every day of that week crowded with events of national importance, with a royal Prince, as a guest, the week beginning August 12, at the Jamestown Exposition will be one of the greatest of the season and the indications are that the attendance will be in accordance with the importance of the events of the week. On Monday August 12, the national meeting of the Haymaker's Association will occur and delegates from every state and territory will be in attendance. On the same date the Southern Amateur Journalists Association will convene at the Exposition and some of the brightest literary amateurs of the South will be present. The reunion of the Jacquelin-Amber and Carey family will begin on Tuesday Aug. 13, for a two days session. This is one of the oldest families in America and its connection with the story of Jamestown is of deep historic interest. Descendants from all parts of America will be present.

August 13, is Massachusetts Day and Boston Day as well and the Old Bay State is preparing to send thousands down to dedicate the State building which is a replica of the Old State House in Boston. Governors Curtis Guild, Jr., and staff will be of the party, and Governor Swanson of Virginia will make an address of welcome. Receptions of the Massachusetts building and concerts by the Mexican Imperial Band will be a part of the program.

On August 14, the National Un-iformed Bank of the Knights of Maccabees will observe Maccabees Day at the Exposition. The Bank will be in session all week and it is expected that at least

three thousand members will attend. The headquarters of the Maccabees are in Cleveland, Ohio, the head of the order being Major General Sletzer. The retail merchants of Virginia will meet on the 14th also. August 15, will be North Carolina Day. The Old North State has the entire week but the 15th is the special day and Raleigh day also. The First Brigade, North Carolina Militia will be encamped at this time and the Tar Heel state is arranging a program of great magnificence. Governor Glenn and staff will be present and there will be military parades and fireworks receptions. The Jolly Jokers club of America, an organization of 300 members from every state, meets Aug. 14 for a three day session. The observance of their motto "Always look on the Bright Side" will add happiness to the day.

Miss Nina Cannon Dead.

On Thursday evening near 8.30 o'clock, the great respect took from our midst the spirit of Miss Nina Cannon the beloved daughter of Mr. Jesse Cannon. Typhoid fever was the disease that caused her death. All that could be done by faithful parents, nurse and a good physician were done, but the Lord claimed her as his own.

Miss Nina was just entering into young womanhood. Was a lady of rare culture and refinement, who possessed those qualities of head and heart that made her many admirers and numerous fast friends. But above all she was a follower of Christ, and her Christian graces shone with resplendent beauty as the crowning glory of her life. She was noted for her gentleness of manners coupled with her accomplishments that were much above the average for one of her years. The old adage that, "Death loves a shining mark," was fully verified by the departure of Miss Nina. A creature too lovely and attractive for earth, has been called to pass through the portals of bliss and enjoy the felicities that this earth cannot afford.

Father and mother have lost a dutiful daughter, brothers and sisters a loving sister, friends and relatives an attractive, lovely and charming companion. The church of her choice a true and devout member. Let us cherish her memory as one of the brightest and best. Let us how in submission to the will of a kind wise Father who doeth all things well.

Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. J. R. Tingle of Winterville, and her body laid to rest Friday evening last, in the Cannon burying ground near here.

God comfort the sorely bereft family as she leaves a father and mother, two brothers and two sisters and many near relatives.

Peace to the resting dust of the much esteemed young lady.

Thanks Returned.

We hereby return our most heartfelt and hearty thanks to the many good people who have so nobly stood by us in this dark hour of my wife's affliction. Unsolicited on our part, many have freely donated for her relief and made it possible for her to attend the noted and well equipped Memorial Hospital at Kinston, where we trust she will find great and permanent relief. We also thank the hundred and perhaps thousands who have sent up their prayers to the great I AM, that she might be restored.

May God's richest blessings be poured out without measure upon all. We say from the very deep of our inmost soul. God bless the dear people. E. T. PHILLIPS.

Resolutions of Respect.

We, the members of the Saratoga Tribe of Improved Order of Red Men, No. 74, offer the following resolutions of respect: Whereas, the Great Spirit has seen proper to remove from the happy home of our beloved Bro., J. E. Craft and his dear companion their infant child, Stephen, Be it Resolved, 1st. That we mingle our most sympathetic tear with Bro. Craft in his sad bereavement.

2nd. Seeing the silver cord is loosed and the golden bowl is broken, that we submit to His will who is too wise to make a mistake and too good to be unkind.

3rd. That we may live such lives as to meet it in heaven.

4th. That we draw up resolutions and send to the FREE WILL BAPTIST, at Ayden and the Wilson Times at Wilson, and that one be spread on the record of our Tribe and one sent to the bereaved family.

Submitted by Committee,
D. A. WINDHAM,
CHAS. M. TIGWELL,
J. C. GALLOWAY.

Notice.

A series of meetings will begin at Hugo church, Lenoir Co., on the 3rd Sunday in August. The pastor Eld. M. A. Woodard will be assisted by Eld. J. T. Butler. Also on the 4th Sunday they will begin a meeting at Piney Grove, Pitt Co. All are invited to attend.

Notice.

The Albermarle Union, will convene with Malachi's Chapel, Saturday before 3th Sunday in Sept. I ask the churches to send delegates, as there is important business to attend to, if you are going to let the Union die.

WALTER SWAIN, Clerk.

Receipts.

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| Senie Rentrow, | \$ 1.00 |
| H T Bishop, | 1 00 |
| H J Smith, | 1 00 |
| W D McKithren, | 2 00 |
| T G Lamb, | 1 00 |
| J N Shira, | 1 00 |
| Minnie Turnage, | 50 |
| Emma McDonald, | 3 00 |
| A C Hawkins, | 1 00 |
| By Eld. J W Sewell: | |
| J M Avery, | 1 00 |
| By E E Wolf: | |
| Jack Moreland, | 2 50 |
| By McJoy Waters: | |
| Frances E Waters, | 2 00 |
| By Geo. W Dail: | |
| Mrs M Y Allen, | 1 00 |
| W O Cox, | 1 00 |
| J M Cox, | 1 00 |
| By Calvin Dykes: | |
| W R Peters, | 25 |
| By H L Lumpkin: | |
| Rev. R A Fuller, | 1 00 |
| H L Lumpkin, | 25 |

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Meetings.

Eld. Thomas E. Peden, D. D., the Lord willing, will attend the dedication at Winterville, Ohio, June 16th at 10:30 a. m. Sermon by Eld. Dell Upton D. D., National Evangelist. Other ministers will be present.

Prattsville, June 23rd, 10:30 a. m. Perhaps dedication: Vinton Q. M. Elko, June 29th and 30th. Gallia Q. M. Livingston, July 6th and 7th. West Virginia Q. M. Laurel Run, July 13th and 14th. Jackson Q. M. Petrea, July 27th and 28th. Portsmouth Q. M. Portsmouth, Aug 3rd and 4th. Ohio Free Will Baptist State Convention Lodi Aug. 7th.

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CHATTAHOOCHEE ASSOCIATION.

The union meeting of the 1st district of the Chattahoocnee Association, met with New Prospect church, July 20th, 1907. Eld. W. H. Emerson preached the introductory, A. J. Parker alternate, Text: Mark 6: 6.

Eld. A. J. Parker was chosen moderator, and Eld. W. H. Emerson clerk.

Called for corresponding letters, received letters from six churches.

Committees were appointed on preaching—J. W. Brewer, Green Massie, B. J. Raburn, A. B. Possey and J. T. Hinton.

Temperance—J. V. Klosser, W. B. Possey and W. T. Lovic. Correspondents to the 2nd district union meeting—J. V. Klosser and W. B. Possey.

The next union of this district will meet with Little Bethel church, on Friday night before the first Sunday in Aug., 1908.

Eld. A. J. Parker is to preach the introductory Saturday at 11 o'clock, and Eld. W. H. Emerson be his alternate.

Committee report, on Saturday night, E. C. Grimsley preach and J. V. Klosser be his alternate. Sunday at 9 o'clock W. T. Lovic preach, W. B. Possey alternate. Sunday at 11 o'clock, A. J. Parker preach. M. J. Crook alternate. Sunday evening at 3 o'clock, J. V. Klosser.

TEMPERANCE—We your committee on temperance recommend, that each pastor preach on temperance between now and next association.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—We your committee on S. S. beg leave, that our people take more interest in Sunday Schools in the future than in the past.

Error corrected—Delegates from Pleasant Hill—S. A. Cromer.

New Prospect—A. B. Possey and J. S. Hinton.

Shiloh—Green Massie and Lee Hill.

Little Bethel—J. A. Hill and B. J. Raburn.

Turner's Chapel—Is a c Wainwright and Jas. Spillers.

Mt. Olive—M. J. Crook.

Then a call for Correspondents: received E. C. Grimsley, from 2nd district union meeting.

Called for reading and adopting minutes. Minutes were read and approved.

A vote of thanks was tendered the community for their kindness shown to the union.

On motion, the union close, to meet with Little Bethel, on Friday night before the 1st Sunday in August, 1908. Brethren, this closes the union. If providence permits us to meet in another here on earth, may we be better prepared to send in a better report.

A. J. PARKER, Mod; W. H. EMERSON, Clk.

A LETTER FROM DOTHAN, ALA.

DEAR EDITOR:—Will you please give me space for a few lines, as I have never written to the BAPTIST before. I am a Free Will Baptist, and I love the Word of God. I am a member at Prospect church, Houston county, near Dothan. Our meeting closed last Thursday, we had a good meeting, although I did not get to attend as I wished to, but while I was away, God

was with me. I love to read the BAPTIST paper, it fills my heart with joy. When I first joined the church, I joined the Missionary Baptist, but I joined so young that I did not know what I was joining for, and that is the way with a great many of them today, they just join the church because papa or mama is in there, and a great many large enough join because some one like is in there. I have heard girls say, I am going to join there because my sweetheart belongs there. May God help them to think what they are doing. May God bless and save us all in heaven.

LANA CHERRY, Dothan, Ala.

STATE MISSIONS.

DEAR EDITOR:—Will you allow me space for a few lines in our beloved paper? It brings joy to my heart to read the many letters from the F. W. B. every week.

Dear readers, I believe in missions; State, Home and Foreign; but if we believe our doctrine is right it seems to me that we should think more on State missions and give more to this cause until we have a church in every township. We have ministers ready to go all over the state in order to spread the doctrine of Jesus Christ in full, as Free Will Baptists believe in following him in all commands.

I am a little preacher, and my burden for lost souls is heavy, my impression to proclaim the Gospel is deep. I am poor, with a family of five, but I am willing to travel, in order to spread the doctrine of the Free Will Baptist over the state, if I can obtain support for my family by thus doing. There are a great many others I believe that are ready to do the same, if we, as a denomination will support them. If the doctrine is worthy of being sent over the deep water, then I think it first ought to be sent over the state and country because there are Christians all over the country that would join the F. W. B., if they knew the doctrine. How shall they hear without a preacher, and how can they preach except they be sent. Brethren it is time to awake and go to work. I would be glad to hear from some one on this subject.

Brethren work for the cause of Christ, and all pray for me. Your brother in Christ, W. V. DENTON.

BUILDING A CHURCH IN THE WEST.

Eld. J. W. Valentine of Stallings, N. C., writes very encouragingly about erecting a church building at Rocky Chapel in Nash County.

This is a very important joint and any one desiring information about the same, can get it in full by writing to Eld. J. W. Valentine. It is to be hoped that the church will soon be built and our great cause maintained in that section. Eld. Valentine will receipt all through the paper, who may donate for this church.

The brethren of the Western Conference are especially appealed to, to do their duty as they may see it. Here will be a nice place for the union meeting to work. Some good houses have been erected in the east, through the unions. The west could do well in the same way.

UNION MEETING.

The union meeting of the 3rd district of the Western Conference of the Free Will Baptist of N. C., met with the church at Level Grove, Wake Co., N. C., Friday night before the 5th Sunday in June, 1907. The introductory sermon was preached by Eld. Everett, Text: not known. After which, proceeded to organize, and elected Elder Everett, moderator, and William J. Mitchell, clerk.

On motion, the moderator was empowered to appoint the various committees.

On Education—D. M. Blinson, Bro. Jones, and Bro. Stephens.

On Temperance—Elder C. C. King.

On Finance Bro. Walls. Sunday Schools—Bro. Holt.

AFTERNOON. The union met according to adjournment. Religious exercises were conducted by Eld. C. C. King.

District churches called, they are as follows: Everett's Chapel—D. M. Blinson and J. R. Joyner, contribution, \$2 00; Rock Spring—W. J. Mitchell and Miss Nolie Maynard, \$3 00, Level Grove—Bro. Holt, Bro. Stephens and Bro. Joyner, \$1 50; Cool Spring—\$2 10; King's Chapel—\$2 00.

Moved and carried that the next union be held at Union Grove. Moved and carried, that Bro. Jones preach the introductory sermon, and Bro. Everett be his alternate.

Moved and carried, that Bro. King's report be received and continued till the next union.

Moved and carried, until tomorrow morning, but no business taken up. On motion, we adjourn to meet with the church at Union Grove, on Friday night before the 5th Sunday in September.

ELD. EVERETT, Mod; W. J. MITCHELL, Clerk.

FROM KESTLER, GA.

DEAR EDITOR:—Well here I come again, but it has been some time since I wrote to the dear old Free Will Baptist but I read so many good letters from the brothers and sisters, until I feel it my duty to write again, as God has done so much for me. Oh, I want to do more and more every day. It seems to me that I can't do enough for Him.

Well I can't write much but I hope you all will read it, and pray for me. I like to read the letters from all Christians. I remember all in my prayers, and especially Sister Anna Phillips, hoping that God will remember all at a throne of mercy. If this is printed, I will come again.

Yours in Hope, PEARL Kilburn.

Is your knowledge of the things of God obtained from what you have read and been taught, or from what you have experienced?—Christian Advocate.

The greatest events dawn with no more noise than the morning star makes in rising.

OUR DEAD.

LESLIE LANE.

Dear Brother, by request of sister Edna Lane, I will try to write the obituary of little Leslie her infant son. It is not unreasonable dear sister that the great enemy of all that is mortal should visit your home as well as all others. We know it is very sad indeed, the writer has gone through with the same ordeal, and knows how to sympathize with you. We should not if possible mourn at the gain of one to the Master's kingdom. Any man or woman should rejoice to know that they were the mother and father of one of heaven's host of angels, but nature is too weak to resist in this case we know because we know we were to speak. Little Leslie was sixteen months old and was a bright winsome and playful little fellow for his age, until the fever took him which was about two months ago. All was done that could be done for him by both parents and the doctor; but the Lord had need of him and called him home. Sister Eliza cheer up and submit to the Master's will, and rear the two little brothers to travel the road he has gone.

We all know that he cannot come to you, but the man after God's own heart gives us to understand that you can go to him. Who knows but the word of our Elder Brother will be in some future day to Leslie himself, that thy mother is standing without knocking. She is seeking entrance into the City. Go bid her welcome that she may come in and sup with us and we will sup with her. Little Leslie, God has blessed, With fervent gratitude, When in his arms he took the rest, Of them from the multitude.

For 'twas said of him who knows, Forbid them not to come, The kingdom is made of such as those, And whosoever will may come.

Written by a Friend, PINNERS, VA.

EAMESTINE DAVENPORT. It is with sadness that I announce the death of the little babe, of Bro. and sister S. J. Davenport, who was just five months old. She is resting in that beautiful land above, where pain never comes. She was the sweetest and dearest little gem on earth to them, and oh it was so hard for them to part with her, but may the words of the Saviour, when he say, "Suffer little children to come unto me," be of great comfort and consolation to them in all their troubles and sorrows, and encourage them to try to meet their little darling, where their troubles and trials will all be over. She was a great sufferer during her short stay on earth, but it is all over, and what a happy change. She has left a papa, mamma, three grand-parents and a host of relatives and friends to mourn; but we have the assurance that heaven has gained a bright jewel.

The funeral services were conducted by Bro. Weed, in the presence of a large gathering of people.

Dearest Eamestine, thou hast left us, And thy loss we deeply feel, A place is vacant in our home, Which never can be filled.

Oh, how dearly we loved her, But Jesus loved her more, And called her away, To that bright and peaceful shore.

But yet we hope to meet her, When this earthly life has fled, In heaven with joy we'll greet her, And no parting tears are shed.

SUSAN J. FETTERTON, PLYMOUTH, N. C.

TIMOTHY RHODES. It is with a sad heart that I announce the death of our beloved brother, Timothy Rhodes, who was born Feb. 26th 1870, and died April 4th, 1907. He united with the Free Will Baptist church about 15 years ago. He has led a peaceful life and was always ready to discharge his duty in his church, always ready to lend a helping hand, always had a kind word for every one, and was loved by all who knew him. He was greatly missed in his community and church, he was a good singer, and his seat was never vacant when he was able to go. He was a great sufferer with consumption, but bore his afflictions with the most patience we ever saw. He was cheerful to the end, though he had not lain down for

a week, when he died, but God took him away to quietly, to rest with his two little babes, that had gone before. He gave up every thing and was ready to go. He left a kind and dutiful wife who stood by him in all his afflictions, four children, mother, four brothers and one sister. It is hard to part with our loved ones; but the Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away, so let us cheer up and live such a life that we will meet our loved ones in the great beyond, where there will be no more sad parting, and God shall wipe all tears away.

After a song was sung Bro. J. B. Mitchell prayed, after which his remains were placed in the graveyard at Christian Hill church, to which he belonged. Weep not loved ones as those that have no hope.

A precious one from us is gone, A voice we loved is still, A place is vacant in our home, Which never can be filled.

Your sister in hope, ANNE MARTIN, ROCHELL, GA.

JODIA PITTMAN. DEAR EDITOR:—Will you allow me space in your good paper, for me to announce the death of aunt Julia Pittman. She was born Oct. 10th 1835. She was married to Joel Pittman Dec. 30th 1856. She joined the church at Holly Spring, about 1875. She always filled her seat when able to attend. We feel like she lived a Christian until June 7th, 1907. We believe that she is gone to reap that beautiful crown of unfading glory, we feel like we have lost a Christian on earth and their is one gained in heaven. She always seemed glad to meet her friends. She will never meet us on earth no more, but we can meet her, if we will serve the true and living God.

Our beloved pastor of Holly Spring, Eld. J. H. Sasser attended the service. E. G. HOLLAND, KENLY, N. C.

JANE THOMAS. It is with a sad heart that we announce the death of sister Jane Thomas. She was born April 5th, 1853 and died June 21st, 1907. She leaves a husband, 2 sons, 4 grand-children, 2 brothers, 2 sisters and a host of friends to mourn her loss. But we do not mourn as those that have no hope. She was a member of the Free Will Baptist church at Spring Pond Chapel, Williamsburg county, S. C. We feel that church has lost a good member, she will be missed by all that knew her, for we believe she was a good woman and was liked by all who knew her. She was always ready to visit the sick and administer to their needs and speak a kind word to comfort them all along. While she was sick, she would ask us to pray for her, that she might be taken out of her misery for she was ready to die. There was nothing in her way.

Dear sister, it is sad to part with thee; but we hope to meet you in that better land, where we will never part again.

Written by a friend, W. N. WILLIAMS.

MR J. H. CASEY. On April the 3rd, 1907, the death angel visited the home and took from our dear uncle, Mr. James H. Casey, he was born March 30th 1849, and died April 3rd, 1907. He leaves a wife, five sisters, twenty nieces and nephews to mourn his death. The people have lost a good neighbor, the wife a kind husband, his sisters a loving brother. All was done for him that loving hands and sad hearts could do. Physicians aid was rendered, but to no relief. He suffered one year, eleven months and twenty two days, and then the good Lord took him from us. He doth all things well. But it was hard to part with him. On April the 4th, he was laid to rest in the family burying grounds near his home.

The funeral services were conducted by Elder A. E. Rouse. He sang that beautiful hymn, "On the happy golden shore." On the faithful part do more meet me there.

May God bless and comfort his wife and sisters. He is gone but not forgotten, never shall his memory fade, sweetest thoughts ever linger around the grave where he is laid.

One dear to our heart is gone, The voice we loved is still, A place is vacant in our home, Which never can be filled.

Written by his niece, MRS. ARDIE MOZINGO, DUDLEY, N. C.

NEW CHURCH ORGANIZED.

On the first Sunday in Mar. Eld. R. F. Pittman, being requested, came over in our vicinity and preached at a school house known as Sweet gum Grove. There being no church near that place, we decided to take up a mission point and held service once a month until the 1st Sunday in June, when Elds. R. F. Pittman and J. G. Harris held a few days meeting. The interest was so great that it was decided to organize a church. During the meeting there was 12 received from other churches and six for baptism.

According to appointment Bros. Pittman and Harris met with us again last Wednesday and Thursday, July 24th and 25th. On Thursday night they engaged in the organization of a church, which was as follows; The Bible was presented as the only rule of faith and practice. The church covenant read and adopted, after which a prayer of consecration was offered.

The following officers were elected:

Clerk, Bro. D. N. Nobles. Tres. Bro. W. L. Nobles, Deacons, Jesse Hathaway and J. F. Tyson.

Board of Trustees were, A. O. Meeks, J. F. Tyson, W. L. Nobles, D. N. Nobles and Jesse Hathaway.

It was decided to have the same name for the church as the school, which is Sweet Gum Grove.

The church called Eld. R. F. Pittman as pastor. Our yearly meetings will be held on the first Sunday in Sept. We organized with twenty five members.

We ask the prayers of all the brothers and sisters that we may grow and our church may prosper wonderfully, all so we ask you to pray for Dr. Nobles of Greenville who so cheerfully gave a site for the church. May God's richest blessings rest upon Dr. Nobles Pay much for us; we need your prayers.

Yours in Christian love, D. N. Nobles, clerk.

In the olden time (and yet not so very long since) there was a freshness, a life, a power, an interest in Christian testimony which, as the general thing, is today sadly lacking. Testimonies are too stereotyped, too formal, too unvarying. If we grow there ought to be evidence of growth.—Exchange.

Yesterday cannot be recalled; to-morrow cannot be assured; today only is thine, which if thou procrastinatest, thou lovest, which lost is lost forever and forever.—Jeremy Taylor.

Lost. J. G. Harris lost a red lettered Testament, somewhere between Ayden and Piney Grove church, on Sunday July 14th, and would be glad if the finder would return it to this office, and he will pay the expense of getting it here, or for your trouble.

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ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe that there is but one living true and eternal God, the Father, of whom are all things, from everlasting to everlasting, glorious and immutable for all His attributes.—I. Cor. viii. 6; Isa. li. 24.

2. We believe that there is one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and without whom nothing was made of the only begotten Son of God of the Virgin Mary, whom God freely sent into this world, because of the love of his dear Son. He loved this world; and Christ as freely sent himself a ransom for all, fasting 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.—I. Tim. ii. 5, 6; Heb. ii. 9; St. John iii. 16; Rev. i. 7; Acts xxiv. 15; I. John ii. 2.

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 them, and is voluntarily, by transgression, fell, and by that means brought on himself a miserable and mortal state subject to death.—Gen. ii. 17.

4. 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 the gospel to be preached among all nations, and to every creature.—Mark xvi. 15; Luke xxiv. 47; John iii. 16-17; I. Tim. ii. 4.

5. We believe that no man shall suffer in hell for sins which he did not die for; but as the Scripture has said, for denying the Lord that bought him, or denying those who bought him, or denying the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who bought him, or denying 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 xv. 11; Mark vi. 6; Heb. ii. 10; I. John v. 16.

7. We believe the whole Scriptures are infallible and divinely inspired; 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 nations, who repent and believe the Gospel.—Luke xiv. 16-20; Matt. xxviii. 19, 20; Luke xlii. 2-5; Luke xxiv. 47; Acts iii. 23; 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 Spirit abideth in them, and 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 impressions of His Holy Spirit, shall, at a future day, own their condemnation just, and charge themselves with their own damnation, for having rejected the offers of sovereign grace.—Matt. xi. 27; St. John vi. 44 and 65; Pa. i. 1; Tit. ii. 11, 12; Jer. xxiii. 29.

10. We believe that men, not considered simply as men, but ungodly men, were of old ordained to condemnation; considered such who turn from the grace of God, and deny the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ, who bought them, and therefore shall be justly punished, and their souls destroyed; but we observe that they, and such the Apostle saith because they receive not the life of the truth, that is, the life of God; therefore the indignation and wrath of God is upon every soul of man that doth evil, living and dying therein; for the power of our God is upon every soul.—Jude i. 4; II. Peter ii. 1; II. Thees. ii. 11, 12; Rom. ii. 9-11.

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 their 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.—I. Cor. xii. 22; Matt. xvii. 2-5; Mark ix. 14, 17; Matt. xix. 14.

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 men.—Rev. xii. 14, 15; Isa. i. 19, 20; Matt. vi. 8; Jer. vi. 16; Luke xiii. 24, 25.

13. We believe that no man has any warrant in the Holy Scriptures for justification before God through his own works, or ability of man dying in and of himself, only as 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 xiii. 40, 41.

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 the only subjecting of any person to everlasting death, as everlasting life, out of respect or mere choice, farther than He hath appointed the freely, and the one who is ungodly, who die in sin unto death.—Heb. ii. 12; Prov. viii. 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31; Matt. xxv. 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 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, as touching Gospel ordinances, in believers' baptism, laying on of hands, receiving of the sacrament in bread and wine, washing the anoints' feet, anointing the sick with oil in the name of the Lord, fasting, prayer, singing praise to God, and the public reading of the Word, with every institution of the Lord we shall find in the New Testament.—Matt. xvi. 18, 19; Acts xv. 17; Acts xii. 6; Luke xxv. 19, 20; John xiii. 6-7; James v. 14.

16. We believe the Gospel model of baptism is by immersion, and that the believers are the only subjects for baptism.—Matt. iii. 16; Mark i. 9-10; Acts i. 35, 36; Rom. vi. 4; Col. ii. 12.

17. We believe in a general resurrection at the last day.—John v. 28, 29; II. Cor. v. 16.

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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