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### UNION MEETINGS.

MODERATOR—Rev. J. A. Hoyle, Maiden.  
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Convenes Friday 10 a. m. preceding each 5th Sunday.

### EXECUTIVE BOARD.

J. S. Bridges, W. A. Graham, J. D. Moore,  
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Next session convenes with Olivet church,  
beginning Thursday before the last Sunday  
in October, 1901.

## CHRISTMAS MUSING.

Old Christmas has come with a gay snow  
wreath on,  
But his harp is vibrating to sorrow's sad  
tone;  
And a low note keeps sounding a knell in my  
ear.  
As I miss from the hearth-stone each absent  
one dear.

Some dwell among strangers, as exiles from  
home,  
Away from all genial ties, seldom they come;  
And some, too, are sleeping beneath the  
green sod,  
But their pure, happy spirits, are resting  
with God.

How vividly now I remember the year,  
When Time's chariot wheel rolled on without  
fear;  
When life seemed all pastime, one gala day  
bright,  
And bliss covered the hour, with a halo of  
light:

Where now are the friends who then shared  
in our joy,  
And joined in our pleasures, so free from  
alloy?  
Alas! they have vanished, all scattered and  
gone,  
My childhood's companions, have left me  
alone,  
So Christmas no longer comes back as a  
feast,  
Though its memory is fraught with enjoy-  
ment, at least.

And the loved circle broken, and widened  
away:  
May still be united, at some future day,  
While Christmas may still be a feast to the  
soul,  
As a voice within whispers, there is a bright  
goal.

Where joy is immortal, and love cannot can-  
not die,  
To secure us this boon, Jesus came from the  
sky,  
With the Manger and Cross, as the theme of  
our song,  
Even sad Christmas time, may pass sweetly  
along;  
For the light of those other years, buried  
away,  
Will seem but as darkness, by Heavenly  
Day.

—JULIA R. LANE.

The foregoing verses were sent to  
THE WORKER last year by our  
lamented sister Florrie L. Graham,  
who enclosed with it the following  
note:

"I also enclose you a piece of poetry  
which was written by my Grand-  
mother, (my mother's mother) several  
years ago, and will be so glad for  
you to publish it in THE WORKER, if  
you care to do so. It has been much  
admired by a large circle of friends,  
but has never been published before.  
My Grandmother is still living (in  
Amelia County, Va.) and is seventy-  
seven years old and is remarkably  
well preserved. With best wishes, I  
am  
Very sincerely,  
FLORRIE L. GRAHAM."

This letter explains itself. The  
poetry came in too late for publication  
last Christmas and so the editor filed  
it away waiting for Christmas time  
to come again. We regret that the  
writer did not see the poem in THE  
WORKER before leaving for her  
heavenly home, but God ordered  
otherwise.

## How to Conquer Worrying.

Bishop Vincent gives these helpful  
rules for conquering worry:

Consider what must be involved  
in the truth that God is infinite, and  
that you are a part of His plan.

Memorize some of the Scripture  
promises, and recall them when the  
temptation to worry returns.

Cultivate a spirit of gratitude for  
daily mercies.

## Salem Baptist Church.

I wish to say through your col-  
umns that certain false reports  
have gone out on our pastor, Rev.  
C. E. Beaver. These reports have  
been investigated by us here and the  
parties that started these reports  
have taken back all they have said  
and have given to Bro. Beaver a  
statement in writing that it is a false-  
hood. The reason they lied on our  
pastor is for no other reason than  
that they fell out with him because  
of some things he said on Baptism  
and on the final perseverance of the  
saints and for contending for the  
faith once delivered to the saints.  
Our pastor has preached here at  
Salem the whole truth and the result  
is he has baptized 48, a great many  
of the Pedobaptists, and some wanted  
to take their revenge out on our  
pastor because Pedobaptism was  
crumbling. We called Bro. Beaver  
again unanimously at our last meeting  
and we expect to stand by him. We  
are hoping to do greater things yet  
for God. May God bless THE  
WORKER. Yours fraternally,  
C. F. BLANTON, C. C.

Dec. 9, 1900.

Rev. W. R. Gwaltney, of Hickory  
writes:

Bro. C. E. Parish, of Salisbury,  
preached for us all last week. His  
sermons were heart-searching and  
sin-exposing. The only foundation  
on which to build any hope for the  
life to come was set forth with great  
clearness and force. The attention  
to those fundamental truths was pro-  
found. Christians were strengthened  
by the strong meat of the gospel.  
Results which follow such preaching  
must be lasting. Bro. G. W. Greene  
and wife with their two youngest  
children, spent two days and nights  
with us last week. On Thursday  
afternoon he gave us his views of the  
situation in China, and the causes  
which led to the trouble there. From  
start to finish he had the most inter-  
ested attention of all his hearers. At  
the close of his talk all felt that they  
had a better understanding of the  
causes that led to the situation than  
they had gained from their reading  
on the subject. His views of the  
present situation and his hopeful  
views of the outcome will do good  
wherever he may give them.—*Bibli-  
cal Recorder.*

## Sam Jones' Brother Joins the Baptists.

To a change in religious belief Rev.  
Joe Jones attributes the cure of a  
skin disease, which caused him pain  
and suffering for more than twenty  
years.

Rev. Joe Jones is a brother of Rev.  
Sam P. Jones. Both are residents of  
Cartersville. Both were Methodist  
evangelists, that is, until recently,  
when Rev. Joe Jones changed his re-  
ligion by joining the Baptist church.  
He was baptized by Rev. Alex Bealer,  
pastor of the Cartersville Baptist  
church. The baptismal waters, so  
Mr. Jones claims, have completely  
cured him of eczema, and he has not  
experienced such religion in many  
years.

Within the last few years Mr. Jones  
has consulted many physicians and  
specialists for his trouble, but none  
of them, he declares, were able to do  
him any permanent good. The change  
since he was baptized has been some-  
thing wonderful.—*Atlanta Journal.*

What blessings we have! Let us  
work in return for them—not under  
the enslaving senses of paying off an  
infinite debt, but with the delight of  
gratitude, glorying that we are God's  
debtors.—*Charles Kingsley.*

Many indeed think of being happy  
with God in heaven; but the being  
happy in God on earth never enters  
into their thoughts.—*John Wesley.*

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fright," has found a remedy for this  
inconvenient malady, which she  
recommends to all who need it.

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Our part Jeremiah i. 7-9.

Two parts Isaiah xli. 10.

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who are in doubt as to its efficacy.

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## CHRISTMAS GREETING.

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does it puzzle you? If so,  
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