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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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