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Editorial Department.

BY THE PASTOR.

We greatly sympathize with our Bro. Abbott who recently joined us, in the loss he sustained by reason of the fire.

A certain brother's dog came home with a chicken in his mouth—smart dog was he—Conference was at hand.

In our last issue we recommended that our Sunday School take immediate steps to organize a mission school in East Winston. What has been done about it?

If there is any special time to get nearer to God, it is when disappointment and trials encompass us. We most need the light of God's countenance when darkness threatens us.

The good work of the "Pastors visiting Circle" is being seen even now. If you could have been at the pastor's study last Friday afternoon, you would have gone away expecting great things from the work. Help these ladies out.

Since our last issue the pastor has spent ten days laboring with the good brethren and sisters at Mt. Airy. He preached day and night and as a result of his labors and the faithful work of the good pastor, Rev. L. R. Prnett and his faithful flock the Lord, we trust converted fifty or sixty souls.

We anticipate great pleasure and profit from our State convention at Raleigh beginning the 8th. It is thought that the attendance will greatly exceed that of any previous year, and there are several matters to come before it which will stimulate the interest. Let every Baptist go who can, and have a good time, and better yet, learn more about what your denomination is doing.

"Athletic fakerism" is the latest from Rev. Tom Dixon, Jr. It is a very prevalent disease in Winston. We've seen the disorder in many of its forms in our city, and we have tried to prescribe for it but we have not known what to call it, but we are all right now and shall go for it with "gloves off" in the future. Look it up brethren and sisters and see if you are not affected slightly.

We are afraid that but little effort is being made to secure subscribers to the "Worker." This is not as it should be. We know that we have an exceptionally good paper for the money, and believe that with a little personal effort on the part of the members of our church and Sunday School, it would be self-sustaining and greatly improved. Take your copy of this issue, and see if you cannot do something in this direction.

Our Thanksgiving service was well attended and an interesting program was rendered. The Sunday School children were presented with confectioneries and then a good collection for the poor was taken.

Last Sunday the pastor was in North Danville Va., and preached morning and evening for the Baptist church. He enjoyed the visit very much. Large crowds were present at both services. Quite a number were turned away from the evening service. The Baptists there are progressive in their ideas of Christian work. And when they take hold of a thing they never turn loose.

"We know that we have passed from Death unto Life because we love the brethren." Have you got this evidence? If not you had better get at work and clean out the dark corners of your heart. Brush out the cobwebs, sweep behind the doors clean out all malice and envy and leave the doors open for the sunlight of brotherly love to enter.

We are fast approaching the end of the year, the time when most people take a review of their lives and makes new resolves for the coming year. It is all right to have a review and begin better, but once a year is not often enough. Have a review every night brother. It is very poor business policy to let accounts run too long. In the first place many items are overlooked and lost sight of, and then you are likely at any time to be called on for a settlement, and your books are not ready. Balance your books and see how you stand every night,

The pulse of Broad Street church is not as strong as the pastor would like to see it. The prayer meetings should be better attended. We note that on inclement nights the sisters attend better than brethren. If unpleasant weather is to be an excuse for non-attendance (which it is not) the brethren have less excuse than the sisters. The greatest blessings we find in God's service are those that come when we make a sacrifice of some comfort, ease or pleasure.

Come out brethren to our prayer meetings.

A dirty, unkept, down at the heel, ill clad, street corner loafer is an universal object of contempt, and we are never at a loss for words of condemnation for a character of this kind. How about the CHURCH loafer? The church loafer is to our mind equally despicable. He does no work for the Lord but stands in the sunshine of God's house, in the way of those about God's business. He is spiritually unkempt and dirty, inasmuch as his daily life is such that the smirch and stain of the world is upon him, and he does not seem to know it. He is down at the heel in mans way, and altogether a most undesirable character to have around. There is no room in Broad Street for the Church loafer.

SCATERED-COLLECTED.

Two simple words containing the same number of letters, and very similar in general appearance, but oh how different in meaning. Apply them to the word, energies—scattered energies. A little work for God much more for selfish self, a little frivolous amusement, a little gossiping, visiting all mixed with sin and the result is DEATH.

Collected energies, all used for God's work—result in Life eternal.

PROTECT THE SABBATH.

If there is one thing more than another which is calculated to weaken our faith in American civilization it is the fact that in America we are losing our respect for the Sabbath, the sacred institution of the Bible and our fathers. It has been bad enough when the violation of this one of God's most sacred laws was confined to mere localities, but now since, as a nation we plunge recklessly into a violation of this law it becomes indeed a matter of great concern. If ever there was a people whose every effort should be to defend every principle laid down by God's word, this people ought to be our own dear people of America, and yet as a people we are soon to engage legally in a wholesale violation of one of God's most cherished commandments. We are surprised at our lady managers of the World's Fair for allowing themselves to be duped by a set of reckless men to the extent that they are willing to give their consent to this crying shame upon our civilization. In different parts of our country, societies for the protection of the Sabbath have been organized and we are glad to see this step. Let the movement be National and through it the church shows its hand.

KICKERS AND KICKING.

There are a few people who seem to have a constitutional predisposition to show their close relationship to that curious animal known in common language as the "mule." It is a pity Mr. Darius did not carry on his evolution process to a higher degree in some folks. But without some pests our tempers would not be tried. But is it not a pity that some good intentions have to be spoiled by the whims of some "kickers?" I heard a man the other day boasting over the fact that he was a Baptist and he was led by the majority, and yet to my certain knowledge he followed backwards, with his heels the most conspicuous part about him. My advice to the Bro. was either to stop boasting over "following the majority," or keep his heels on the ground. Are you a Baptist, if so kick before a question is decided and then pull the tacks out of your shoe heels and walk with the brethren.

A-QUESTION.

1. What do you think of a person who is a member of the church and then is so absorbed in the things of the world that he will leave his church meeting to attend to them and allow his church to suffer for his presence and council?

2. What do you think of a person who is a member of the church and let who is so much more concerned about the way she looks than the way she acts, that will dress so uncomfortably that she can't get down to pray or straighten up to sing? The answer to these questions would tell the secrets of thinly attended church Conference. And some poor church music in some churches we have visited.

CHRISTMAS.

Christmas comes this year on Sunday and in all of our churches for once this day will be celebrated as it ought to be. At Broad street church Sunday morning the pastor will preach a special sermon on "The Guiding Star." And at night "The Nature of God." Let us work up a good crowd.

"The Finger of God in disaster"—May we not catch a lesson.

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