

The Stanly Baptist.

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CHURCH DIRECTORY.

West Albemarle.

Preaching First and Fourth Sundays at 11 a. m., and every Sunday night. Sunday school at 10 a. m., W. J. Russell, Supt.

Big Lick.

Preaching on Second Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Sunday school at 10 a. m., M. F. Huneycutt, Supt.

Pleasant Grove.

Preaching on Second Sunday evening at 2:30. Sunday school at 10 a. m., A. E. Eudy, Supt.

Silver Springs.

Preaching Third Sunday at 11 a. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m., I. C. Russell, Supt.

Cottonville.

Preaching on Third Sunday at 1:30 p. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m., E. D. Thompson, Supt.

Canton.

Preaching Fourth Sunday at 2:30 p. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m., A. F. Morton, Supt.

Union Grove.

Preaching on First Sunday at 2:30 p. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m., J. H. Howard, Supt.

Norwood Baptist Church.

Services every first and third Sunday at 11 a. m., and at night. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Prayer meeting every Thursday night.—E. M. Brooks, pastor; Robert A. Kendall, S. S. Supt.

New London Baptist Church.

Preaching every fourth Sunday at 11 a. m., and Saturday before. Sunday school at 10 a. m.—J. E. Crook, Supt.

If anyone is sick or in distress, notify your pastor; he is always willing to help.

What are we going to do about the whiskey business in Stanly? It is terrible now, and if let alone, almost every law-abiding citizen will be in danger. If you will notice the murders in our county for the past two years, you will see that almost every one of them has been a result of whiskey. As citizens of this commonwealth, if we consider our oath worth anything we can not allow such to go on around us and not report it. Did you not swear that you would protect the laws of North Carolina? Then how can you tolerate an illicit business? Can you be honest and do so? I think not. Our county has been put to an awful expense for the past year just because we allow the moonshiners to carry on their devilish business in our midst. Let's get rid of them. If we do not, our morals are going to be very corrupt.

The second Sunday in April is Missionary Day. Can't we make this a great day for the Stanly Association? If every pastor and superintendent will get right in behind this work, we can make it a success. We must pull up along this line. We are too far behind, and the great trouble about it is that some of our brethren will not be led along this line. They are set against Foreign Missions and have crystalized in their opinions. If we are Missionary Baptists, let's show it. "By their fruits ye shall know them," said the Master, and surely it is so. We can not prosper and profess one thing and practice another. If we are going to be Antinomians let's join the Antinomian crowd and believe in fatalism entirely. The secret of the whole thing is that "Greed has griped the soul." My brother, get loose from its grip and you can see things right, otherwise you can not. The Master surely meant what he said when he spake those wonderful words, "Go ye into the whole world and preach the gospel to every creature," and it is our duty to see that the entire world has the gospel. Truth lays a claim upon you and demands that it be satisfied. What shall we do, obey the Master or disobey? A crisis has been reached by the Baptists, and you wonder what it takes to make a crisis. As we see it, it takes three things: opportunity, ability and responsibility. Can we get rid of it? We can by complying with the Master's claim. Shall we fail? We must go forward or lose in the race. Let's do our best, and lay at the Master's feet the greatest offering we have ever made.

The time has come when pure godliness is real scare. Bishop Kilgo preached a sermon at Trinity Methodist church, at Charlotte, the other day in which he made some very striking remarks about hypocrisy in the pew. It certainly is there. The time has come when people think that Christianity is a thing to have when you die, but not before. They think that they can serve the devil all the days of their lives, and fool the Lord when they die and get into heaven. My friend, you are not fooling the Lord. You are the one that is being fooled. You had better take an inventory of your grace and see how about it.

Have you learned to forgive? If not, you are certainly barren in one of the most prominent Christian virtues. Nothing cankers the human soul like an unforgiving spirit. It is in your way at all times. It makes you selfish and mean. You can not pray acceptably, you can not enjoy the Lord's Supper or anything of that nature when you are led by an unforgiving spirit. If you want to enjoy the fellowship of the brethren, you must conquer on this one point. If

you have an old rusty axe hidden in your soul throw it away, go read your Book and see what it says about it, Matt. 6:14, 15.

What John Barleycorn Did for a Concord Boy.

Salisbury Post.

We have always resorted to the practicing of holding up some horrid example to frighten men and women away from the pitfalls of life. No doubt this does good in many, many instances, but alas, in too many cases it makes no impression and bitter experience must come to call us to our senses, and in many of the latter cases it is too late.

One of the saddest tragedies of the week was enacted in Concord the other day when a young man was sent to the roads by the city court and here is the way the story was told by "A friend" in the newspaper:

"Sent there not by any act of his better self, but for acts caused by his association with John Barleycorn. The young man has many, many friends in this town, which he has made by his kindness of heart, and attention to business. Coming to this city from the country, he made good from the start, made money, married, bought himself a home, put his mother and father in another home, and in the course of the time bought another larger and better home for himself and family. John Barleycorn came along, wooed and won him away, first from his business, then away from his home, then from wife and children. Not being satisfied with this toll taken, he took from him his home, and the same day that the demon sent him to the roads his roof was sold from over his head. Many a heart is sad in this city over the fact that this young man, though given a chance, could not resist the wiles of the bottle. Yet, there are people that will sand and take the part of whiskey, and every day young and old men are seen on their way from the express office carrying their cartons containing what they think is only a few quarts of whiskey, but if they could only see with an eye to the future they could see heartaches, crime, disgrace, and even road sentences cowering in the corners of the bottle."

And the last words of the young man as he entered the prison were these: "If I had only listened to you I would not have been in this fix." True, and the pity of it is that many others will not listen to their friends and will eventually find themselves in this same "fix." Horrid examples will not work, and bitter experience will have to be called in to end a mad career.

And your boy and mine need the protection of society against this pitfall which is causing so many to fall. Sentiment is responsible for the enforcement of law, and non-enforcement of law is responsible for drugging men's brains with mean whis-

key and drugged dopes. Sentiment is responsible, and you and I are responsible for the sentiment which prevails in our own community.

These thoughts bring the truth right home to us. At least it ought to bring the truth home to us.

Letter from T. W. Fogleman.

At present I have the care of three churches, White Crest, Taylor's Grove and Plyler.

White Crest is in the edge of Montgomery, near Swift Island Ferry. I served this church last year. Brother C. B. Reid of Wake Forest assisted me in a week's revival last year. By the power and presence of God Bro. Reid lifted these people up and they soared as on the wings of eagles. We are praying for greater things this year. Services every fourth Saturday and Sunday.

Taylor's Grove is in the corner of Davidson county, near the village of Tuckertown. Bro. Jeff Lanning has served this church for a number of years. We feel quite weak to take up the work of so strong a man as Bro. Lanning. I assisted in the revival at this place last year, and the Lord blessed us greatly. The Sunday school, we trust, is increasing. We can't say much as to the prospects for this year as we have not served them but one appointment, but we trust and pray that God will shower down great blessings. Services every second Sunday.

The people at Plyler have adopted the duplex system of raising their pledges for this year and it is working fine. The Sunday school at this place is good. I have served them since the association, and we think everything is in good condition by the divine guidance of the Lord for a year's good work. Our services here are every third Sunday at 11 a. m., and on every third Saturday at 2:30 p. m.

As we have been trying to teach this winter we have been too busy to serve these churches as we desire to. We are expecting to reside in Albemarle after a few weeks and we will be in a more central position and hope to have more time to render better services.

We Stanly Baptists should be proud that we can write for and read the columns of our pastor and moderator. May God's richest blessings rest upon him, not only as pastor and moderator, but as editor of the Stanly Baptist. May God bless his hearers and readers.

T. W. FOGLEMAN.

Rev. J. W. Suttle will be in Albemarle all this week to assist Rev. C. J. Black in a meeting at West Albemarle Baptist church. There will be three services next Sunday, at 11 a. m., and at 2 and 7:30 p. m. Rev. Suttle was pastor at one time of the First Baptist church and his many old friends will be glad to see him.