

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

"The Lord loveth a cheerful giver."

Let all the churches of the Association send delegates to the Union meeting at Wake Union, October 28-29. See the program in this issue of The Messenger.

October is Enlistment month with our women in their Missionary Societies. Are you linked on to this noble work? If not, why not? Suppose you join during this month.

Mrs. D. S. Vann was with the ladies at Wakefield on the first Sunday and found a very encouraging situation with the W. M. S., and with the Y. W. A. at that place.

"When you and your brother are friends, his doings are indifferent to you. When you have quarrelled, all his outgoings and incomings you know as if you were his spy."—Thackeray.

Are our church members really trying to serve Christ with their lives? or, is their service to Him a mere side issue? This is a serious and a most vital question. Make the application to yourself.

Dr. T. B. Ray will probably be at our Convention in Winston-Salem and conduct a Mission Study class every morning for a half hour or more. This feature alone ought to be worth a trip to the Convention.

The church that gives attention to its children and young people is the church that will hold the future. What are the prospects with your church when you view it from this standpoint?

It was a source of regret to us that we could not spend more time in our Association at Youngsville. We hope to arrange our work soon to give more attention to the work of our Association.

We understand the church at Stony Hill has called Bro. W. L. Griggs for next year. We hope he can see his way to serve them and that his going to them may mean much to the church and community.

The women of Wakefield have invited the Woman's meeting of the Central Association to meet with them next September. Would that every church in the Association might have a vigorous Society by that time and send up delegates to the meeting at Wakefield.

Should we not make more of the office of deacon in our churches? The qualifications of deacons in the New Testament are about the same as those for the pastor or bishop. But who thinks of the deacon as occupying a place that is thought of in the same class with that of the pastor?

"Never lose a chance of saying a kind word. As Collingwood never saw a vacant place in his estate but he took an acorn out of his pocket and popped it in; so deal with your compliments through life. An acorn costs nothing, but it may sprout into a prodigious bit of timber."—Thackeray.

Secretary Livingston Johnson says that since the last census the population of North Carolina has outgrown

proportionately the church membership, and that this is the only State in the South of which this can be said. This statement should put people to thinking, to praying and to giving to State Missions.

In a little more than a month after this paper reaches you our State Convention will be upon us. The Convention will meet in Winston-Salem, Dec. 5-8. It is a rich experience to attend one of these Conventions and we hope all our churches will try to send up good representations. All delegates will be entertained by the good people of Winston-Salem.

On the night of October 27th the two literary Societies at Wake Forest are to join in a Memorial Service for Prof. Carlyle. The service will be held in Memorial Hall, and all are cordially invited to attend. Several brethren will be on their way to the Union Meeting next day and might well afford to take in this service on Friday night.

We hear of some very successful Baptist Young Peoples' Unions in country churches. Why not have a dozen or more in successful operation in the churches of the Central Association. There is one at Rolesville and at Wakefield, and we should like for some one in these Unions to tell the readers of the Messenger how they are working and what good they are doing.

Our people came through the days of reconstruction and after, purified and strengthened by their experiences of hardship and poverty. Can we now stand in the day of our prosperity? All thoughtful people must see that we are passing through a much more severe test now. What the outcome will be remains to be seen. Nothing can save us but the practical application of the Spirit of Jesus.

DR. VANN AT WAKEFIELD.

On the first Sunday in October Dr. R. T. Vann, of Meredith College, was with us at Wakefield and spoke on behalf of the Endowment of that institution. It was a great pleasure to us to have him with us and to hear him on the great work of our College for girls. Following are the subscriptions made for the Endowment:

J. M. Eddins.....	\$ 105.00
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BROTHER WILLIAM T. WILLIAMS.

Bro. W. T. Williams of the Rolesville church died at his home in Rolesville on Sunday morning, October 1. Bro. Williams was born in April, 1838. When a young man he married Miss Fatney Massey who, with three sons and one daughter, survive him. Death came to him suddenly. He had gotten up Sunday morning as usual, made a fire in the cook room, and was preparing to help his wife in arranging for breakfast and dropped dead as he started to enter the door. His family

were not so much surprised at his death, having known that he was very feeble.

Brother Williams was a quiet, unassuming man, a member of the Baptist church and of the Masonic Order. We talked with him on the subject of personal religion a year or two ago, and he expressed without question his loving devotion to the Master. The funeral service was conducted by his pastor on Monday afternoon, October 2. "Be ye also ready for in such a hour as ye think not the Son of Man cometh."

MRS. CADE BUNN.

In the death of Mrs. Cade Bunn the Wakefield community has lost one of its most saintly characters. She had been in poor health for several years and was a great sufferer, but through it all she "endured as seeing Him who is invisible."

The end came on September 20, and it was a most glorious entrance on the larger, fuller, richer life in Christ. She sent for her family physician and personal friend to say good-bye to him. She called all her loved ones around her and bade them an affectionate farewell. A little neighbor girl was in the room of whom she was very fond. In her last moments she turned to this little child and asked her to sing "Nearer My God to Thee," and as the child sang she herself joined faintly in the song. Thus conscious to the very last she went up triumphantly to meet her King.

In accordance with her request her five noble sons bore her body to its resting place in the yard hard by the place where she had borne, nursed and reared them.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. C. Nowell, a life-long friend, and her pastor, Rev. A. C. Sherwood, of Zebulon. The large and attentive crowd in attendance bore strong testimony to the high esteem in which she was held by all who knew her. The memory of such a woman is a treasure to any community.

We have never seen a woman who impressed us as a more faithful wife, a more affectionate and devoted mother, a better neighbor, nor a more earnest, consistent Christian.

And on the other hand her husband and her children rose up to call her blessed. Her only daughter and five sons, with their father, were as loyal, affectionate, true and devoted to her as ever a family could be. The separation is hard, but the prospect of the blessed reunion after a little while should banish all sorrow. For she is not lost, but only gone before.

BE OF GOOD CHEER; IT IS I, BE NOT AFRAID.—Matt. 14:27.

"Robert Louis Stevenson's story of the storm that caught a vessel off a rocky coast and threatened to drive it and its passengers to destruction, is thrilling. In the midst of the terror one daring man, contrary to orders, went on deck, made the dangerous passage to the pilot house, saw the steersman lashed fast at his post holding the wheel unwaveringly and inch by inch turning the ship out once more to sea. The pilot saw the watcher and smiled. Then the daring passenger went below and gave out a note of cheer. 'I have seen the face of the pilot and he smiled. It is all well.' Blessed is he who in the midst of earthly stress and storm can say with equal assurance. 'I have seen the face of my Pilot, and he smiled.'"

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