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The moonshine business in Stanly county is getting bad shape. It does not enjoy the sympathy it once had. There has been almost a dozen stills cut up this winter, and we trust everyone may be found and destroyed. Nothing holds Stanly county down so much as this pernicious business. We long to see the day when all the dark corners of the county may be rid of this evil business and the light brought over to Christ. As it is, we can not say that they are civilized for they do not care for anything good. Let every man, woman and child work and pray for the extermination of this devilish business. When it is gone, we feel sure that Stanly will become a Christian county as solidly as any in the State.

Disease and death are on every hand. Why? I'll give two reasons: First, we eat too much. We have more common sense about feeding our Poland China pigs than we do our children. We need not

A Brief History of the Mt. Pleasant Sunday School.

Previous to its organization, Bro. C. Stallings located one mile north of Mt. Pleasant.

There was not a Baptist in or near Mt. Pleasant at this time. Mr. Stallings being of the Baptist faith attended services at Mission Baptist church, which was seven miles from his home. He was converted and he and his wife were united with the church at Mission and were baptized the first Sunday in September, 1910.

During this time, Bro. Stallings, father of Bro. Franklin Stallings, located near his son. They feeling impressed by the Holy Spirit, organized a Sababth school the fifth Sunday in September, 1910. This organization, the first Baptist Sabbath school in or near Mt. Pleasant, was organized in a small cottage owned by Mrs. J. A. Misenheimer, near the home of Bro. T. C. Stallings. In the first meeting Bro. Franklin Stallings opened the service by reading a Scripture lesson and Bro. T. C. Stallings led in prayer. The next duty upon them was to elect officers and teachers. Bro. T. C. Stallings was chosen as first superintendent; Franklin Stallings, assistant, and R. E. Stowe was elected secretary and treasurer. This school, organized with twenty-seven scholars, continued one year without any church organization.

During this time Rev. Daniel P. Morris came and preached for them and baptized three candidates into the Baptist faith the fourth Sunday in April, 1911. The ordinance was administered near the cottage which was then being used for Sunday school, much water being found at that place. These were the first white persons baptized in the area. They organized the

WINGATE STUDENTS RENDER A GOOD PROGRAM

On Friday evening, February 12, a splendid program was rendered by the students of Wingate school. The entire program was fine, but the main feature of it was a debate and a play. The debate was by two boys from each society, namely, Brady Burleyson and Cecil Perry, from the Philosphian; Joe Carroll and Brooks Liles, from the Gladstone. They spoke exceedingly well. In fact, we were surprised at the ease with which they handled their subject. After the debate a nice play was given by the boys and girls of the school. We do not remember just how many, but several of them were in it. They did well, reflecting much credit upon their teachers and the school. We can not mention the splendid music both vocal and instrumental given by the music class and one or two others. The duet by Miss Osee Long and Dorothy Lowrey was exceedingly fine. The instrumental music was very good also. This was the mid-term entertainment. The next will be commencement proper. How fast the months go by. It does not seem long, but how much can be accomplished in eight weeks. The students have done exceedingly well this year; now for the last pull. We are planning great things for the coming year. We long to see this school second to none in our State. We are doing all we can to aid our teachers in this noble work. They are doing their best, but if every parent will see that their children prepare their persons and reverence the teachers.

Some Perplexing Problems of the Country Pastor.

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The country pastor has the same problems to contend with in trying to keep the Sunday school alive and going. The membership is usually scattered over a community of several miles around the church, from one to five miles distant, and with such conditions I have not found it possible to keep up a live Sunday school simply because of the irregular attendance of both teachers and pupils. The introduction of the graded system of lessons in some of our schools is a fine thing, indeed, where you can have regular attendance, but otherwise it is a failure, because you cannot keep a class interested in the graded work unless you can have regular attendance. The true of the young people's meetings. You organize under the most auspicious and favorable circumstances with a goodly number of starter members of real intelligent boys and girls with enthusiasm at high tide, and everything start off splendidly, but owing to rain, mud and slush, the next meeting is almost a failure as to attendance. This causes discouragement to the few present and the next meeting is called off entirely for the same reason. These are some of the problems and perplexities of the country pastor. Such conditions are not present with the town and city pastor. In these pastorates the bulk of the membership live within walking distance of the church, with paved streets and cement walks, and those who do not live so close as to make it convenient to walk, have a good street car service. Thus you can have a good regular attendance upon all the services. This enables pastor to keep in close touch with the Sunday school church

why do you always complain about tobacco-chewing, cigarette-smoking, coca-cola, and such things while you are so grossly intemperate in your eating? Overeating is one of the principal causes of disease. The second reason I wish to give is the poor selection of food. How careless we are about what we eat! If we would get down to business, we could soon find out that many things we are constantly eating are against the human system. Take hog meat, for instance. Nothing is more ruinous to the human family. I very much doubt whether alcohol does us any more harm than meat. Many of the most terrible diseases of to-day come as a direct result of eating meat. Pellagra, rickets, catarrh, and many more we might mention. Now, what is our duty in regard to this? Why, I feel that we ought to get down and study this question as carefully as we possibly can and then try to live just as long as we can. God demands that of us, and if we will study God's laws of health as he gave them to the Jews, I am sure we will eliminate many things from our daily diet. Examine the things God said were clean and see how much bacon you will eat. We might mention just one more thing—the cooking of our food. We forget that the greatest chemist in all the world is the woman who prepares our food. How carefully she ought to study her business and not only to make her meal palatable but conducive to the very best health.

1911, and the fourth Sunday in April, 1912 they moved the school and Sunday school to a cottage near Mt. Pleasant, and Rev. D. P. Morris continued to preach for them. They worshipped in this small building until they could erect a place of worship. They moved into their new place of worship Saturday night before the first Sunday in September, 1912. A meeting of days was then commenced. The pastor was aided by Elders B. G. Whitley and G. L. Eudy.

The brethren have labored earnestly, going through many trials and oppositions, but the Word of the Lord has mightily prevailed. Thirty-four candidates have been baptized directly from the influence of this Sabbath school. The brethren are now laboring under a heavy burden. They need a new place of worship, as we think another place of worship would be much better than the present.

Brethren, we want your prayers. We are struggling for a greater hold. The State Board has forsaken us and left us alone with a small membership needing all the help possible from our State Board. Yet we feel encouraged to press forward, the Holy Spirit is leading. We ask an interest in your prayers and desire the entire co-operation of every one that advocates the great cause of Christ. Fraternally,
B. G. WHITLEY.

There will be a mission conference of the Union Baptist Association in the First Baptist church in Monroe, Tuesday, March 16. All the ministers, superintendents of Sunday schools and all interested laymen in the Association are invited to attend the meeting. There will be addresses by Mr. Livingston Johnson and Dr. C. T. Thompson. The object of this meeting is to stimulate the missionary spirit.—Marshville Home.

S. S. SUPERINTENDENT AT MOUNT PLEASANT



The above is a cut of the first superintendent of our Baptist Sunday school at Mt. Pleasant, Rev. T. C. Stallings. Bro. Stallings was one that always stood by his pastor when the burden was heaviest. He recently moved away and located near Rockwell and it became necessary for him to resign. We feel that we have lost a great co-worker in the Sunday school, yet we pray that Bro. Rufus Henly, our new superintendent, will be able to carry the mantle forward as faithfully as the former one. Bro. Stallings has now entered the ministry and we pray God's blessings upon him and his faithful companion. We heartily commend him to our brethren, and ask you to pray for and encourage him.

His pastor,
B. G. WHITLEY.

Long People's meetings. But if the meetings are continuously interfered with by weather conditions when the pastor makes his regular appointments, he has cold iron to hammer on at each service and thus has to toil on through the whole year until the protracted meeting season rolls around before there can be enough faith inspired, enough enthusiasm awakened and enough co-operation secured to bring about conversions. This is one of the hardest things the country pastor has to contend with. He not only has to sow and cultivate a whole year before he can do any reaping, as a rule, but when the protracted meeting season comes, he usually secures the services of a brother pastor, may be so it is a city pastor whose very environments naturally keep him in an evangelistic mood all the time, to do the preaching for him. And he does it well and lovingly, but when the meeting is over it is often times thought, the pastor has really had no part in all the great ingathering of souls; but this is due to the influence of a certain element that is found in almost every church, both in town and country. Of this distinguished personage I shall have something to say in another article, because he is one of the vexatious problems of the country pastor.

In my next article I shall mention a few more of the vexatious problems of the country pastorate, and then I am anxious to relate some of the many blessings and joys that come to the country pastor in his blessed work.—T. J. Dodson.
San Antonio, Tex.

The Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist convention announced recently a gift of \$10,000 to our Training School at Fort Worth. The Baptist women of Texas will join in with us in thanksgiving to God for this great gift made by our Board through Dr. Frost and his associates.

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