

NEWS ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Miss Genie Solomon is quite sick now. It seems that she has tuberculosis.

Willie Carpenter and Claude Rogers are smiling from ear to ear. Each has a new boy.

Brother Noah Morton, a member of the West Albemarle church, but now living in Montgomery county, is seriously sick at this writing. His daughter, Mrs. Watt Burris has been called to his bedside.

There is some talk of organizing a printing company at Wingate. We feel that it will aid greatly if we can get a good, first-class printing company started here.

Brother N. A. Teeter is suffering from a severe nervous breakdown. He has not been able to look after his business for several days. We trust that he may soon be out again.

We closed our work at Pleasant Grove the first Sunday evening. How pleasant have been the years we spent with that good people! They have not called our successor yet.

It is with real sadness that we note the death of Sister Howard of the Silver Springs neighborhood. She was a faithful Christian.

Brother E. M. Brooks has been called to the Palmerville field to succeed Brother C. E. Edwards. We feel that it is the right man in the right place. Brother Brooks is a safe pastor and a good sound gospel preacher.

Sister Minnie Lightfoot, of West Albemarle, has been real sick for the past few days, but is somewhat improved at this writing. She is a daughter of the late James Hatley, one of the old stand-bys of West Albemarle church.

We will preach our farewell sermon at West Albemarle the third Sunday evening at 7:15. We also preach our farewell sermon at Canton in the afternoon of the third Sunday at 2:30 o'clock. Be with us if you possibly can. We will be at West Albemarle on Thursday night and will preach the remaining nights of the week before the third Sunday.

Our Union Association meets next Wednesday. Let us trust and pray that we may have the best one in many years. We have fine reports to carry up this time. May we not enjoy real fellowship together this time? About six hundred have been baptized into the fellowship of the churches of this association this year. Has it ever had such an increase before?

Sister E. W. Griffin, of Wingate, suffered a partial stroke of paralysis the other day. She has been very sick but we are hoping that she will soon be herself once more. She is one of the stand-bys, and when they fall out of ranks we miss them so much. May the Great Physician be merciful and bring her back to vigorous health again.

Rev. E. C. Snyder has been holding a meeting at North Monroe church. We have not heard what success he had but trust that it was fine. This has been such a wonderful year for revivals. Now, we can tell how far-reaching this work is by the way our churches pay their pastors, and respond to the missionary calls.

Rev. R. M. Hagler has accepted the call to Philadelphia church, Union Association.

Mrs. G. W. Plyler, of West Albemarle, has been quite sick, but is much improved now.

We are glad to have an encouraging word from Brother Martin L. Tucker. He is a fine business man we think a great deal of.

Brother B. G. Whitley has been called to succeed us at West Albemarle. We have not heard whether he is going to accept or not.

Don't forget to get your church ready for your association. See that your pastor is paid and that all of your mission pledges are paid. Don't fail.

Rev. R. P. Walker has taken charge of the First Baptist church, Albemarle. He is a splendid preacher and an excellent fellow. We trust that he may do his greatest work there.

We had a very successful meeting with Hopewell Baptist church, Mecklenburg, last week. We did not have many additions as it was such a busy time the people would not attend as they wished to.

We were glad to learn of the great meeting at Gold Hill. Brother T. C. Stallings and Brother D. P. Morris did the preaching. We heard that they added twenty to the church at that place. Good.

Bro. M. S. Humphrey has nine boarders and a large family. But the remarkable thing about it is that none of them drink coffee. How fine! We wish everybody would stop the dope habit. How much better claim on health we could have.

The meeting at Peachland was a glorious success. Sixty-two have been baptized and possibly others will follow. We trust that the church may be on its job enough to take care of them and train them into useful members.

THE FUNERAL OF MISS HECK.

(By J. F. LOVE.)

In the First Baptist church, of Raleigh, N. C., was conducted, Friday afternoon, August 27th, the funeral of Miss Fannie E. S. Heck, the best known and most widely and tenderly beloved Baptist woman of the South. The following order of service was observed under the direction of her pastor, Dr. T. W. O'Kelley.

Reading, Twenty-third Psalm, by Dr. Livingston Johnson.

Prayer, J. F. Love.

Reading, Scripture selected by Miss Heck, Dr. O'Kelley.

Reading, poem entitled "Prayer," written by Miss Heck during her illness, Dr. B. D. Gray:

"Lord, grant me if Thou wilt
To slip away
As slips the night
Into the dawning day,
So soft
That e'en the watchers, watching,
Cannot say
Here ends the night
And here begins the day,
But only know
The night's Thy night,
The day, Thy day."

A quartet sang several beautiful and appropriate hymns, both in the church and at the grave. The service was simple, beautiful and impressive. Grief was evident, but not exclamatory. The occasion

was marked by a deep and pervasive religiousness fitting the obsequies of such a life. Besides those who took part in the service others present, representing the denomination's activities, were: Dr. R. T. Vann, of North Carolina; Dr. C. J. Thompson, Field Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board; Miss Kathleen Mallory, Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's Missionary Union; Mrs. Maud R. McClure, Superintendent of the Woman's Missionary Union Training School, at Louisville, Kentucky; Mrs. J. D. Chapman, President South Carolina, W. M. U.; Mrs. D. Rich, of Winston-Salem, N. C.; Mrs. J. W. Neel, President of the W. M. U. of Georgia; Mrs. C. L. Haywood and Miss Sallie Riggsbee, of Durham.

Miss Heck's consecration to Christian duty fixed for her ideals which are as far above the empty vanities of "society" as the stars are above the mists which hang over the bogs of our lowlands. Following these ideals her feet trod a path that sloped heavenward and at last, all unconscious to herself, she stood famed and immortal above those who live for pleasure and to please. Her womanhood was glorified in the rare atmosphere of her ideals. She had birth, social position, culture, talents, money and leisure, and she knew how to invest them all to get the best dividends on them. Among her wonderful talents she had none greater than her wisdom to make Christian use of the talents she had. This generation has need and place for the type of womanhood which she exemplified. The Foreign Mission Board has spread upon its minutes the following expression of sympathy:

"The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention hereby puts on record and conveys to the mother and family of Miss Fannie E. S. Heck and to the Woman's Missionary Union, this token of Christian sympathy in the loss which they have sustained. A beautiful and useful life has been consummated through patient suffering and a triumphant death, in which the reality of our holy religion has been given a new and convincing sanction. The name of Jesus and the cause of Christian missions have a power over the lives of many thousands, at home and abroad, who had been ignorant, careless or hostile had she not so faithfully exemplified them in her life, and compelled respect and love for them by her intelligent devotion to them. This generation has not been blessed with a better example of the womanhood which the New Testament exalts, than was shown it in the life and character of our sister. She exhibited a rare harmony of piety and strength, passion and fine sanity, delicate feminine modesty and strong leadership. Many will be under the spell of her life and devote themselves to her ideals now that she is promoted to higher service.

J. B. HUTSON, Pres.

W. A. HARRIS, Rec. Sec."

IN THE DARK DAY.

If we could, righteously and effectively, lift the dark cloud of war off the fair face of the world how quickly and eagerly we would do it. But we cannot, try as we will, in fact, all our trying is to have very little effect upon it. But there are some things that we can do that will help a little. For instance, we can keep the dark cloud of distrust and fear of the future from settling upon our own heart and life. We can cherish in our souls from day to day the sure faith that cloud is going to be lifted, we can, through the dark watches of the night, sing our song of hope and make ready to greet the morning.—Christian Guardian.