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OUR WORK AND WORKERS.

THE CARTERET-ONSLAW FIELD.

Rev. J. B. Olive, Swansboro.

Our work is moving slowly but steadily. We have no large reports to make but we are making some progress along the line of building. Our house at Capernaum is weatherboarded and covered. We hope to use it in May for the first time. We have as yet asked for but little help away from home, but will have to call on the brethren and sisters of sister churches to help us before we can complete our building as we are weak and have about exhausted our means at home. If we could find a few more liberal men like Mr. W. E. Tuesdell, of Brooklyn, N. Y., who sent us a check for \$25 we could soon complete our house. If there is any one who is willing to help us, they will please forward the money to Bro. R. F. Barber, Palo Alto, or to myself at Swansboro, N. C., and the money will be properly used for the church.

Bad weather and sickness prevented us from meeting some of our appointments, but our work generally is in a healthy condition. At our next writing we will speak more freely of the other points, and perhaps give a complete list of those that have contributed with the amount given.

Not being able to attend the Union we anticipated a day of rest but having been called on to conduct funeral services of little Florence Odum, daughter of Bro. Orpha Odum and wife, gave us no rest. She was a bright little girl, only a few weeks over three years old. She has gone to rest and may the parents be enabled to say with David, "but now she is dead, wherefore should we fast? Can we bring her back again? We shall go to her, but she cannot return to us." And may the Lord help them to remember that they have more attraction in Heaven and less on earth!

THE EAST CARTERET FIELD.

Rev. N. L. Gaskins, Davis.

Dear Messenger:—All appointments have been met this month. I am glad to note an increase in attendance. I am trusting that the general work will assume a more promising aspect as the Spring days come on. I was highly pleased with the earnestness and enthusiasm of my people at Atlantic on last appointment. They are a noble folk and I long to see the day when we shall have a church here with a hundred members.

We are pained in this report to record the death of sister Ann Judson Davis and sister Ann T. Babbitt both of Davis.

Sister Davis was born Sept. 10, 1831 and died Feb. 12, 1902. She professed faith in Christ and was baptised by Rev. T. J. Leary in 1867; united with the Baptist church and lived a consistent and beautiful Christian life. She leaves a husband and five children together with many friends to mourn their loss. She died gloriously reconciled to the Father, and at peace with all mankind.

Sister Babbitt was born Nov. 11, 1830, and departed this life Feb. 3, 1902. She professed faith in Christ and was baptised by Rev. James L. Warren, in 1858. She leaves one son and two daughters

together with a host of friends who mourn their loss. Hers was a life of simple trusting faith, and a death which was triumphant. She was faithful to her church and home.

WILMINGTON NOTES.

Dr. Calvin S. Blackwell, Wilmington.

Rev. C. B. Paul will take hold at South side the first of May. A big field, a warm welcome and a large place in our hearts await him.

Brooklyn has not yet decided. They have been tasting so many good things recently that it is hard for them to decide which is the best. Rev. Judson Vipperman, of Dallas, greatly pleased the people. But he is so firmly rooted in the affections of the hill-country that it is not certain that he could be pulled up and transplanted. Some are looking to one of that brave band of leaders at Charlotte. But the Lord will guide—if the brethren will let Him. Precious time flies and souls are being lost.

Our inter-denominational preacher's Conference which meets every Monday is preparing to take a religious census on the Hugh Cork plan. This means a division of the city into eighty sections, two workers for each section, and visit every home on the same day and the same two hours of the day. In this way to get the church and Sunday-school status of every white family in the city. This with reference to advance work along Sunday school lines by all the churches. The school enrollment is now 3,284. The aim is to reach it 5,000 or more.

Enrollment attendance and contributions of the First church are on the increase. The pastor closes the series of night sermons on the "Denominations" next Sunday by defining the position of the Baptists. Some think he has given so much meat to the others that he will have nothing but bones left for the Baptists.

So far as made known but few from this section will go up to Asheville. But if the festive strawberry does his full duty, several may find time and means to go.

The anti-Saloon League of the State is moving on the hosts of sin in our direction. General Oates came down as far as Point Caswell last Sunday on a reconnoitering expedition and captured a picket-post. Some of the old-time liquor leaders joined his League. The 68 saloon men of Wilmington seem but little disturbed as yet. Rev. J. R. Marshall is doing some effective work against the out posts in New Hanover and Brunswick. "Ye Scribe" will deliver the commencement sermons at Winthrop College, Rock Hill, S. C., June 15th, and at Davidson on May 16th.

The down pour of rain made the Friday and Saturday features of our Wilmington fifth Sunday Union almost a failure. Rain on Sundays for many weeks has hindered the country meetings greatly.

Death removed from the First Church two active young men and one mother in Israel, all within a few weeks. Others have united and peace prevails in our Zion.

Many prayers went up for the recovery of Rev. R. H. Herring during his illness at Albemarle, and all rejoice in his return of health. When he left us he took, not only our esteem, but one of our fair women.

THE CRAVEN COUNTY FIELD.

Rev. J. B. Newton, Fort Barnwell.

Dear Bro. Moore:—My work moves along reasonably well. The Ladies' Mission Society observed self-denial week in connection with our Church prayer services last week. The services were not largely attended, but helpful to those who did attend. Collection \$5.

Since our last acknowledgments for Dover Church lot two dollars and thirty cents was paid by the writer which secures the title of the lot. We are ready now to receive funds for the materials to construct a building.

We had two good services at Cove last Saturday. There were four requests for prayer.

Appreciative congregations greet us every first Sunday at Spring Garden. The high water kept me from crossing for Vanceboro the last two meetings.

Many tokens of kindness on the part of my people are shown us from time to time in a substantial way.

THE WORK AT WINTERVILLE.

Rev. C. W. Blanchard.

This little place is destined to be a household word with all the people of this State, and then to lengthen the cords of its influence till the sun will not set upon its effective work. What a privilege one feels to have figured in setting these influences to work. The surpassing advantages of the school can only be fully known by those who have been in it. It was only a few weeks ago Rev. L. Johnston, our State Corresponding Secretary, passed through and stopped over to deliver an educational address. The School became interested in him and he stayed over to preach two sermons. The whole community as well as school was moved by the gospel and he witnessed a Pentecost. Perhaps 20 or 30 professed hope in Christ and many were left anxious.

On fourth Sunday in March we preached morning and evening and followed it by a sermon every night till Thursday night. We had another return of Pentecost. It seems that the whole town and community was moved. The hardest sinners were heart broken. But we were forced to leave it in its period of glory to fill other engagements. Many confessions were made. Ten were baptized, two received on experience and others presented themselves as candidates for baptism which will take place on our return on the fourth Sunday in April. We hope at that time to find many more ready to enter the Church. Among those converted were many who will put their membership with other churches, but our great satisfaction is to know that they are Christ's. He will lead them and feed them.

When we filled our appointment here fourth Sunday in February there was no pool in the church for baptizing and no annex to the Church for Sunday School use. When we preached there the fourth Sunday in March, the Sunday school classes were taught in comfortable annexes, and the candidates were baptized that night in a well constructed pool under the platform of the pulpit. Bro. A. G. Cox is the prince of laymen of all our knowledge. He is the Lord's preacher, teacher, evangelist and business man. There is not room but for one just

like him in any single community. To see the community, the school and the perfect happiness of all the pupils is to make you want to abide there, and if you have children to educate, thirst for them to have such advantages. The roll has now gone much beyond 200.

MOREHEAD CITY.

Rev. A. W. Setzer, Morehead City.

Dear Bro. Moore:—I am reminded that it is time for my letter to The MESSENGER. I have nothing of unusual importance to report from Morehead City for the past two months. The work here has been going along as usual. At this writing, Bro. W. P. Hines, of Portsmouth, Va., is aiding me in a meeting. He is doing some fine gospel preaching and there is some interest, but the meeting has not yet resulted in the ingathering we had hoped for.

The writer was sorry to miss the Union Meeting. He was prevented from going by the meeting in his church.

At a Conference meeting held at the time of our last appointment at Moore's Chapel, that church decided to take letters and become members of the Morehead City church, the latter church maintaining that church as an "arm." This course was taken after much deliberate thought and an earnest study of the situation.

As has already been announced, Atlantic Institute will close its first session May 7, 8, 9. The

there is a future for this enterprise that ought to stimulate the Baptist of the Atlantic Association to greater activity than has yet characterized their efforts. We must build the school-house before the opening of the Fall term. All hands to wheel and the ball will roll!

TABERNACLE, NEW BERN.

Rev. J. A. McKaughan, New Bern.

Time waits for no man. To those of us whose lives are filled with work and who feel the weight of the responsibility of life, time passes without our knowledge and we thus grow old and do not know it.

It does not seem that I have been with the Tabernacle saints but a few days, and yet the first quarter of the year is passed. Time passes more rapidly when we have pleasant surroundings and kind loving friends, and such has been our lot since we entered the work as pastor of the Tabernacle church. They have made us feel the throbb of their loving sympathetic hearts. It has never been my privilege to serve a warmer hearted, or a more self-sacrificing people than the Tabernacle saints. Since entering upon my work and seeing the liberality of my people I have been made to realize as never before what our Baptist people in North Carolina could do if they only had the spirit of liberality.

If a little church of seventy-five members who are poor can raise one hundred dollars per month for all objects what ought some of our churches in the State raise for Christ's cause?

My people have realized in their own hearts that "it is more blessed to give than to receive." During this time nothing has occurred out of the usual line. The good people of New Bern are too conservative to allow out of the line.

In the way our fathers trod is good enough for them.

We have held our regular services with one exception when it rained us out, which we truly regretted because of the fact that Bro. Boone of the Orphanage was with us and desired to speak to us that night on the Orphanage. However, my people are fully enlisted in that work and send \$8.50 per month to the Orphanage. We confidently hope we may have the pleasure of having Bro. Boone with us again at a more favorable time.

Our Sunday school and congregation is growing and now spring has come we hope it may have a decided growth in both. We are learning to know very many of the good people of the town having made about one hundred visits.

We are now in the midst of a meeting of days aided by Brother Blanchard, and we are praying for and expecting a great blessing from the Lord. Will tell about the meeting next time.

THE PAMLICO FIELD.

Rev. J. R. Taylor, Bayboro.

The good people of Bayboro have decided to complete and paint our parsonage, which will add much toward beautifying it.

The brethren and sisters at Oriental have decided to start on their house in putting what money they have in material and trust God to aid in bringing it to completion. Bro. Blanchard will do us both service and good by coming down here to see us. The pastor will be glad to entertain him at any time and take him over to the city.

At our last appointment at Truitt we appointed a building committee of brethren, L. G. Thomas, Gilbert Gaskins, Arthur Price, Lathingshous, Morris, and Holton, for the purpose of erecting a Baptist house of worship. Brethren, we need a church house here and must have one. No denomination will ever prosper in a free and open house.

One of the leading characteristics of the Baptists is expansion. The pastor last Sunday preached to a large gathering of people on Goose Creek Island. This is a wonderful place for several reasons. I told my companion while going down, if we should happen to see or meet some half-monkeys, I would not be surprised by what I have heard, and from Mr. Darwin's theory of evolution. But I am glad to say the monkeys do not live down there. I found some nice Christian-hearted men and women there. I am impressed with these people. There is on this island and Bay enough people of school age to run two nice schools. Can we not reach them? 300 children growing up in ignorance. No preaching. Brethren, we must reach these people. We talk about Missions in foreign fields; we have a vast scope of country here that no denomination has yet penetrated. It is true the Primitive Baptists have churches here on the Island, but to my mind the church that advocates ignorance, and says "Christ was 2,000 years behind and they want to stay behind" is not worthy of the name church. Brethren, the fields are white now unto harvest, but oh! where are the reapers? I some times wish I was able to do two men's work.

By the help of God and the support of the brotherhood, I shall remain with this people longer than I had intended. May the Lord use me for His glory and Kingdom.