

ALONG THE LINES

—Rev. C. W. Blanchard has been engaged in meetings in Greene county lately.

—Rev. M. P. Davis, of Snow Hill, preached for the Tabernacle here on the fourth Sunday in September. The people were greatly pleased with his sermons.

—Swansboro leads the Atlantic Association in the number of resident Baptist preachers. Brethren Hobbs, Mathews and Olive all hail from that interesting little city by the sea.

—According to the novel estimate of one paper reaching five readers, the MESSENGER addresses each month a circle of 5,000 persons. Help us make the paper do the most possible good.

—We are glad to hear, though indirectly, of the fine success of the Winterville High School this autumn. We hope some of the brethren there will favor the MESSENGER with regular news letters.

—From the author, Rev. W. A. Jenkins, M. E. pastor at Bayboro and vicinity, we have received a twenty-five page booklet, entitled "Three Burning Questions of the Day Solved, or What say the Scriptures about the Millenium?"

—The readers of the MESSENGER will be glad to hear from Bro. Paul in this issue and hope that he will remember us more frequently in the future. Everybody will rejoice in the good work he is doing for the Master in Wilmington.

—Our Atlantic constituency will be glad to hear of the success of Atlantic Institute, our Associationally school. Let all the people rally around it with their prayers and their patronage. It can be made a tower of strength to our cause in this section.

—The Biblical Recorder, our "Old Reliable" of Raleigh, has changed form and now contains sixteen pages every week. Some, missing the familiar face of past years, may not at first like the change, but many consider it a decided improvement.

—The Board of Education, of which Prof. W. R. Cullom is the Corresponding Secretary, is aiding forty-four indigent young ministers at Wake Forest College this year. A large and noble work is this; let all the churches have a share in it.

—Bro. Thos. J. Latham, of Washington, N. C., sends a kindly note to the MESSENGER: "Having been a resident of the good old city of New Bern for fifteen years and connected with the First Baptist Church for a number of years, I have a warm spot in my heart for the place and its people which makes your paper pleasant reading."

—The good roads movement is bearing fruit in Craven county. The sand-clay process is being tried on a prominent but very sandy highway leading out from New Bern to the westward. It is first thoroughly ditched, then clayed to a depth of twelve inches, and then two or three inches of sand spread over the clay. Owing to distance from clay the road costs about \$600 a mile—three times what it would if clay was nearer. The road is expected to wear well 20 or 25 years.

—An unusually intelligent Christian audience of about one hundred and fifty persons was recently asked three questions with the following result: First question: "How many have read the

entire Bible?" Twelve responded. Second question: "How many have read all the New Testament?" Twelve others (not included in first question) responded. Third question: "How many spend as much as thirty minutes a week reading the Bible?" About twenty-five signified that they were doing this much reading and study of God's word. This test was made in New Bern last month, the audience including members of three or four prominent churches in the city.

—The editor greatly enjoyed aiding in a meeting at Truitt (nine miles from New Bern) following the fourth Sunday in September. The illness of pastor Taylor and the failure of Brother King to appear threw something of a damper on the people. But the meeting was continued from Monday night till Saturday morning. The people attended the services liberally and took a fine interest from the beginning. It was a pleasure to preach to them, visit their homes, and strive for the development of the church and cause in that section. The church seemed knit more firmly together and built up and there were eight accessions to its membership. Others were also interested and we hope will soon unite with these in the worship and work of the Lord.

—Several months ago Rev. A. H. Harnly who had made a place for himself not only in the Atlantic Association but amongst the Baptists of the State, removed to Girard, Ill., near his old home. A meeting conducted by him was singularly successful. Plans were made for removing the church building to a better site and remodeling it. From the Girard Gazette and the Weekly Observer of Sept. 26, we see that this work has been completed and a new parsonage built, the whole costing \$8,000. Impressive dedicatory services were held and the church starts forth on a new career. Several cuts of the church, exterior and interior, show it to be a handsome and commodious structure. Many friends in this section will join us in congratulations and best wishes to Bro. Harnly and his family.

A NEW BOOK FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS.

The Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, of Nashville, Tenn., is publishing two or three small volumes under the general title of "Normal Studies for Sunday School Workers."

The first volume is on "The Sunday School." It is by Field Secretary B. W. Spilman, well known and greatly beloved in this section where he began his ministry. This booklet is just from the press and we have read it from beginning to end with great interest.

It contains twenty-six lessons which are arranged under three main divisions:

I. Sunday School History and Methods; II. Sunday School management; and III, Teaching and Teachers. There is an interesting introductory chapter and an appendix of Sunday School Statistics.

The lessons are brief and pointed and well arranged. They will answer many questions that are continually occurring to the earnest Sunday School teacher and worker, besides conveying a wonderful amount of valuable information. Bro. Spilman has conceived a happy idea in this volume and has done his work well. We hope and predict a large and ready sale.

The booklet covers 92 pages and

is neatly printed. It can be had of the Baptist Sunday School Board of Nashville, Tenn., for 25 cents per copy or \$1.50 per dozen. Send for it; read it; and our Sunday Schools, following its suggestions, will take on new life.

DEATH OF MRS. L. M. HOBBS.

On September 30th, 1902, at 8 o'clock a. m. Mrs. Maggie Louise Hobbs, the wife of Rev. L. M. Hobbs, answered the roll call of death. Bro. Hobbs had just entered on his new field of labor at Swansboro and other churches when the angel of death came and took his beloved companion.

Mrs. Maggie L. Hobbs was born August 20th, 1877. She was 25 years, 1 month and 10 days old. She was educated at Murfreesboro in Chowan Institute. In the prime of life and vigor of youth, Mrs. Hobbs was ready to do great good in the world.

About 10 years ago she joined Poplar Grove church in Sampson county and lived a good Christian life. November 17th, 1901, at her father's, B. H. Hatcher, of Faison, she was married to Rev. L. M. Hobbs. In the great fire of Clinton Mrs. Hobbs got overheated and contracted her trouble, the terminus of which was death after being sick for 53 days. She bore her sickness without murmuring or complaining.

Mrs. Hobbs was perfectly devoted to her Lord and Master; she loved her Sunday School and Church work. Bro. Hobbs lost a devoted and loving wife. Oh, how he will miss his devoted companion. She expressed a willingness to depart and be with her Savior. Her favorite song was: "Where He leads me I will follow."

At the Baptist parsonage, Swansboro, before leaving for her home in Sampson county, a large number of friends gathered to pay their last respects to our departed sister. Appropriate remarks were made by the writer and the bereaved husband.

Bro. Hobbs thanks the good people of Swansboro most heartily for their kind attention during his trouble. Our deceased sister was carried back to her home in Sampson county and loving friends put body to rest.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved husband and her mother and father, brother and sisters. Weep not, Oh husband, for her whose image was in thy heart; for thou shalt see her again, on the banks of the beautiful shore of life.

"Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions. I go to prepare a place for you."

This life ends with a struggle but opens in Heaven with a shout of victory.

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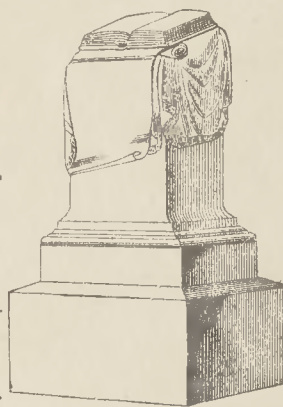
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