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DEAR BROTHER DAVIS:

Your card notifying me of the nearness of the time to issue the August MESSANGER is but one of the many reminders of the rapidity with which time flies.

The MESSANGER in which this communication appears will be the last one before Atlantic Institute begins another—its third—year. It is, therefore, an opportune time for me to have a word with those parents who have not yet arranged to put their children under our tuition. The Baptists of the Atlantic Association must educate their children—the time in which we live demands it; nor can they afford to withhold their patronage from Atlantic Institute, the school of and for the Baptists of the Atlantic Association.

Our school enterprise has been more successful than was expected by the most sanguine; an increase in attendance of 81 per cent. the second year over that of the first is progress which ought to encourage every one interested in the work. But a more general interest throughout the Association is needed in order that the school may do its best work. Catalogues have been sent pastors in every part of the Association, and it is hoped that they will be wisely and judiciously distributed. Much of the success of the school depends upon the interest the pastors take in influencing boys and girls to come to Atlantic Institute. The pastor knows his people as no stranger can know them, and can interest them more successfully. May I not depend upon the pastors of the Atlantic Association to talk about Atlantic Institute from their pulpits and from house to house? I know the men, and they are such that can be depended upon. Brethren of the Association, remember that Atlantic Institute will open its doors for the next session on September 8, 1903, and that a postal card bearing your name and address will bring you a catalogue which will give you all needed information. Write to-day.

My pastorate here is drawing to a close. Two more months and I will have completed four years of ministration to the church here. For the present, I give up the pastorate to give my entire time to Atlantic Institute. My successor has not been chosen yet, but whoever may become the shepherd of the flock here will find a loyal, good people.

A. W. SETZER.
Morehead City, N. C.

A GREATER EARNESTNESS.

BY PASTOR J. B. NEWTON.

DEAR BROTHER DAVIS:

We have had no protracted services as yet. No one has been had to aid the pastor in meetings. We are trusting the Lord to grant us gracious manifestations of His presence. In view of the fact that He has so wonderfully blessed us from a temporal point of view, we should assemble ourselves together to render thanks to the Giver. With this gratitude to God we would likely be reminded that we have not done our best for Him. A spirit of penitence would come upon us. A desire would spring up for more of the fulness of God to that extent that we would not be willing to keep the blessing to ourselves, but would go out "into all the world" and compel others to

come in and share with us. "When Zion prevails she brings forth sons and daughters." If all our members would weep, mourn and endure great heaviness for the lack of vital Godliness in our churches and get the ear of God in behalf of poor sinners who are going down to hell as fast as the wheels of time can carry them, then, perhaps, not until then, will God's people possess Holy Ghost power. Let us all pray for this power. We need building up, recruiting armies are necessary, God wants us all to count for something. Shall we all stand in our places and be ready when the King commands?
Fort Barnwell, N. C.

NEW BERN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES.

BY PASTOR W. H. RICH.

The pastor concluded the series of sermons on "Some Elements of Prevailing Prayer" Sunday evening. The series included these elements: Adoration, Restitution, Confession, Thankfulness, Faith. The last sermon was upon this important subject: "Praying Amiss." The interest has steadily increased and the congregations have grown. It is gratifying to know that the congregations keep up so well during the heated term. This is a sign of spiritual life. Praise the Lord!

The pastor baptized two Thursday evening and two others await baptism. There were several requests for prayer Sunday evening. There is a revival spirit pervading the church and congregation. Let us expect and work for a gracious and blessed revival. It is needed in New Bern.

Recently, Brethren J. C. Whitty, J. B. Holland, Charles C. Clark, Jr., and J. L. McDaniel were ordained deacons. The pastor and deacons were assisted by Rev. J. E. King and Deacon Thomas Mitchel, of the Tabernacle church.

The Woman's Missionary Society is planning to give a public meeting soon. No church of which the pastor knows is blessed with a nobler band of faithful women. They are the joy of the pastor's heart and the church's best workers.

The Ladies' Aid Society gave a very enjoyable sail recently. This band of workers are always on the lookout for the pastor's comfort. The truth is the whole church love to show their appreciation of their pastor. Such thoughtfulness smooths the pathway for him. It is a real joy to labor with such a people for the glory of the Lord and the world's good.

The pastor, last week, enjoyed a two-days' trip with Captain B. Smith on the steamer Blanche. While away he preached for Missionary J. R. Taylor at Hobucken, Pamlico County. The Baptists must double the force on that important field. Pamlico County is one of the richest in the State and the Baptists should be strong in it. Let us awake and go to work. The fields are white already to the harvest, but the laborers are few.

All rejoice to know that Miss Sarah Wilson is doing well and will soon be home, strong and hearty. She is at John Hopkins. Mrs. McDaniel, mother of Deacon J. L. McDaniel, is improving. She is suffering from a slight stroke of paralysis. Her presence is missed at church. May the Holy Spirit sustain and keep her.

Many of our people are away resting in a more genial and bracing clime. Their home-coming will be hailed with joy by those who have been here all the summer, fighting mosquitoes and trying to keep cool.

Let us work, pray, watch, wait. The Master is coming to crown the faithful in the "Sweet by and by." He has said "occupy till I come." Remember 2 Tim. 2:15, Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

BAPTIST PRACTICES OF LONG AGO.

DEAR BROTHER DAVIS:

I wish to say that our people at Davis Shore are expecting and preparing for a great success of the Union meeting with them in August. We hope, sincerely, that they will not be disappointed; and will not if the churches will act in the old-time way, *i. e.*, send full delegations, with letters, stating their spiritual condition and giving a synopsis of their work and needs. Uncle Ed. says these fifth Sunday meetings were put in motion as supplementary to the Association work, on the line of local church work and interest; therefore they were at first called ministers' and deacons' meetings. Our fathers taught and believed that the Church of Christ was the only divine organization among men on earth, and they earnestly and fearlessly taught that the church was the pillar and ground of the truth; the executor of the laws of Christ and as such her full development could not fail to meet all the requirements of the divine will, relative to all the purposes of the grace and mercy of God towards the fallen children of men in all times, places and conditions. The justifier of those ideas and opinions were such scripture as 2 Tim. 16:17; Matt. 16:19.

All scripture given by inspiration of God is profitable, that the man of God may be perfect unto all good works. "I give unto thee the keys of the kingdom." Consequently the needs and work of the church had a time and place in all the general meetings, councils and associations. Uncle Ed. says he thinks that time, the greatest revealer of truth, has fully demonstrated the correctness of those ideas of the fathers.

Uncle Ed. says our work so grew on us as a people that it required all the time appropriated for the sessions of the association to attend to the Macedonian city missions, education, periodicals, orphanage, Sunday schools, etc., etc. Some of our brethren, abreast of the times, found out that the world was on the double quick and the church, poor old thing, must keep step or be left and she could not, cumbered and hampered with her old ways and doings, some thought and said; and it took speed. Speed was the motto, consequently it would not do to add another day to the sessions of our associations, so abbreviate was the cry, and we did. In those days the church letters stated the spiritual condition and needs of the churches. Then it was said that the church letters were too long and uninteresting, only to the few interested and of course the denomination was not? So we cut down on this line to statistics only. In those days preaching was going on all the days and nights of the

session. It was the duty of the committee on religious exercises, generally composed of the pastors and deacons of the church, where the association met, as it was supposed that they knew the needs and wishes of the community.

Uncle Ed. says he remembers many instances of great revivals and downpours of converting grace when many who had hitherto stood out against all the means of grace, were converted. But some said we must abbreviate and we did until an introductory and mission sermon must suffice. Notwithstanding that here only meets the ministers of the association and the only opportunity for the many anxious to hear such ministers will not go because they know their desire will not be realized. Some seem to have forgotten the fact that the Gospel, pure and simple, is the divinely appointed means to interest any enough to take the initial step in spiritual life. If so, how can we expect progress? The Gospel will ever remain, "the power of God unto salvation." In order to abbreviate Sunday was left off and general preaching was discontinued.

Uncle Ed. says the ex-boards of the associations met at such times and made reports on the destitution and our needs were discussed. This phase of the work was a main cause of the fifth Sunday meetings. As a result of these reports the membership of the association was informed. How can we expect any one to be interested about something they know nothing about? We have abbreviated till now the dologology is often sung before the time and place of the next meeting is known. Uncle Ed. says he fears that we, like Vanderbilt and his "auto," are running too fast for safety. If we would retrospect and remember the pit from which we were dug and the rock from which we were hewn we might see the need and importance of these words of our Master: "Beginning at Jerusalem, there ought ye to have done and not to leave the other undone." Matt. 23:23.

Uncle Ed. says he is conscious that his work is nearing the end, but he will ever pray that many ways and things of the past may be restored, as ancient landmarks, to our suffering Baptist cause.

Rex.

Hollywood, N. C.

NEUSE UNION.

This Union convenes with the Seven Springs Baptist Church August 28 to 30, 1903.

PROGRAM.

Friday night—Introductory sermon by G. N. Cowan.
Saturday—(1) How is the Best Way or Ways to Develop a Church? J. B. Newton, G. E. Lineberry, W. L. Bilbro. (2) A True Condition of the Moral and Religious Work of our Country. Are we growing better or worse? C. W. Blanchard, J. D. Cox, J. L. Jackson. (3) A Pastor's Work; its Joys and Sorrows. S. E. Garner, J. B. Newton, J. B. Jackson. (4) A Church Member's Work. A. G. Cox, J. B. Carroll, C. W. Blanchard, G. N. Cowan.

There will be a Sunday School mass-meeting Sunday morning, conducted by Superintendent Quinn.

Preaching Sunday morning and Sunday night to be arranged by the pastor.

It is earnestly hoped that each speaker will prepare his speech in

the way that he feels will do the most good, and not come to the Union with the stale excuse: "I did not know what the committee had in mind in preparing this program, and therefore I did not prepare any regular speech." Brethren, we want you to prepare a speech and then go to the Union and deliver that speech.

If your name is on the program and you see that it will not be possible for you to attend, please notify Rev. W. L. Bilbro, Ayden, N. C., at once.

Delegates who come by rail will be met at LaGrange on Friday, August 28, provided they notify W. R. Simmons, Seven Springs, N. C.

J. B. JACKSON,
For Committee.

IN MEMORIAM.

Dr. John H. Kinyoun, father of Mrs. M. P. Davis, wife of the New Bern Tabernacle pastor, died July 27 at his home in Centreview, Mo., after a long and painful illness. Dr. Kinyoun was a native of North Carolina, having been born in Davie County October 4, 1825. His grandfather was born in England near London and came to America in 1777 and enlisted under General George Washington and was afterwards promoted to assistant paymaster. At the close of the war he settled in North Carolina, where his son, James Kinyoun, was born February 4, 1804, father of Dr. John H. Kinyoun.

Dr. John H. Kinyoun was prepared for college at Mocksville Academy. He attended Wake Forest College, Columbian University at Washington, D. C., and the University of New York. From the latter institution he graduated with the master's degree and also carried off the honors of his class.

For four years he taught school, during which time he also studied law in the school of Chief Justice Pearson and was admitted to the bar, but never practiced the profession. He studied medicine in the University of the city of New York, graduating in 1859 with the honors of the University. He returned home and began the practice of his profession. In 1861 he entered the Confederate army, was elected captain and passed through thirteen regular battles. He was then appointed surgeon and served until the close of the war. At the close of the war he returned to North Carolina and went to farming and practicing his profession. In 1868 he removed to Missouri and located at what is now known as Centreview, where he built up a large practice.

In 1856 he married Miss Bettie Conrad. She died in 1872, leaving four children, the fourth, which was an infant, soon followed her. Flora Kinyoun Taylor, his third child, died in 1898 at Waitsbury, Wash., where she left a husband and two children.

Dr. J. J. Kinyoun, the only son, is now residing in Philadelphia, Pa., engaged in laboratory work connected with the medical profession.

Lula A. Lovett, the oldest daughter, lives in Denver, Col., the wife of a lawyer.

Stella K. Davis, the youngest, wife of Rev. M. P. Davis, of New Bern, N. C., mourn his loss.

He was a member of a Baptist church and was known and loved as a Christian man in the true sense of the word.