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ORGANIZATION IN OUR CHURCHES.

Successful business men realize the great importance of good organization. Nearly all failures can be traced to neglect in this matter. Our churches are often in the hands of receivers because proper organization has been neglected. From the cradle to the entrance into paradise all should be in line doing the Lord's work. What a beautiful sight it is to see a splendidly organized church going about the Master's work! The children are doing their part in studying the mission fields and giving to support the faithful men and women who have gone to tell the story of heavenly love. The young ladies and young men are doing their part to carry on the Master's business, winning their associates to Him and contributing to world-wide evangelization. The older members are all deeply interested in all the departments of the church's life and activity. A well-organized church never has much trouble in collecting pastor's salary and mission money. Whenever you hear a pastor complaining that his church or churches are falling behind, you can put it down that he has not sought to organize his people and he has not preached to them the Gospel of giving. A pastor should be a general, a business man, and preacher if he succeeds. A business man to organize them; a general to lead them and a preacher to fire them with heavenly enthusiasm. Brother pastor, wake up. Remember that a kind word to your church when they have done well will help them to do more.

RED, WHITE, BLUE.

The colors of the paper are red, white, blue. It is truly a child of Uncle Sam. If your paper is white, you do not owe anything on subscription, but should it be red, white and blue, you may know by the number of blue marks how many years you are behind and the red will remind you of your duty. Will not every reader who is behind renew at once? Let some one at each office go around and collect the subscriptions and secure others and send to the editor. Remember, brethren, that it takes money every month to bring the paper to your home. Pay what thou owest and thou shalt be forgiven.

Read what Mr. Josiah William Baily says under the caption, "North Carolina Baptists in 1904:"
"The North Carolina Baptists have never entered upon a year's work more auspiciously. All our institutions are in good condition and are well established. Our missionary work in the State, in the South and throughout the habitable globe, continues to flourish. The hand of God is upon the works of His people. The best evidence that we are doing His will is the help that He gives us.
As we enter upon another year, given to us by Him, let us be grateful that we have planned to serve Him in larger undertakings than ever be-

fore. Let us praise Him for His help in ages past and take hope in Him for the great work of the years to come."

Mr. Baily is leading the Baptists of the old State into larger thinking and more active work for the Master. There are wonderful possibilities wrapped up in our Baptist people and when they are thoroughly aroused and keeping step to the voice of the Great Captain they will give a million to His cause.

Let us awake, the bugle is calling.

TRIUMPH, VICTORY, ALLELUIAH.

The glad news reaches us that the Baptist Female Seminary rides the storm and the threatening sea is calm. The debt is paid.

We sympathize deeply with Prof. Hoggood, of Oxford Female Seminary. The buildings went up in flames recently. We learn that he will rebuild and the Seminary will open next September. No man is serving our State and denomination more effectively than Prof. Hoggood.

THANK YOU, BROTHER JOHNSON.

The Atlantic Messenger has moved back to New Bern. Its editor says there was little to move, its assets consisting principally of a book containing the names of subscribers from one to three years behind on their subscription. Pastor William H. Rich, of New Bern, is the editor, and this is the brightest issue of the Messenger we have ever seen. Bro. Rich goes at his work like an old hand. We predict the immediate improvement in the quality of the paper's assets under the control of the new and vigorous commander-in-chief.

Charity and Children, edited by Brother A. Johnson should be read by every Baptist in North Carolina. It is always full of helpful reading matter and bears each week a tender message from our children at the Orphanage. A Baptist who does not take this bright paper cannot have a clear conscience, but there are lots of cloudy consciences! Clear the clouds by subscribing now.

A HINT TO THE WISE.

A church that can pay its pastor more and does not, deserves to lose him. Many churches wait until he is called to another field and then by an increase in salary seek to buy him to remain. Look after your pastor's salary now and make him feel that you appreciate and love him by paying all you are able to. He needs books, books. A few dollars to put away for rainy days help to make him appreciate you and your thoughtfulness of him and his family. Many who will read this are looking out for their own families. Your pastor has a heart and loves his family and sometimes grows gloomy when he cannot see any way to save something to educate them. A little thoughtfulness and a motion to increase his salary will tie him closer to you. Try it.

Pastor J. B. Jackson, of the Second church, Goldsboro, is succeeding finely. His chin is set right. Keep your eye on Jackson. The Jacksons are surprises—note Old Hickory and Stonewall. Brother Jackson is rapidly growing as a pastor and preacher.

Pastor Bilbro succeeds Pastor J. B. Newton at Fort Barnwell and adjacent points. He is a fine preacher and his people are well pleased with him. He is a cousin of Dr. William H. Whitsitt, of Richmond College, who very much resembles Brother Bilbro.

Pastor G. T. Adams, of the New Bern Methodist church is enthusiastic in his work and sees daily the walls of the handsome new church rise. The Methodists are to have a great temple when the contractors get through.

Pastor Oldham, of LaGrange, has taken hold with a strong hand and already his churches are moving up along all the lines. A dead church means a dead pastor, a sleeping church means a sleeping and lazy pastor. Glad you are doing so well, my brother.

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We welcome Pastor Nobles to the Jones county field. Splendid reports of his work reach us. Full houses greet him at every service. He preaches direct to the people and hews to the line.

Excellent reports reach us of Pastor M. P. Davis, of Tarboro. He is a wise, enthusiastic and consecrated pastor and preaches the Gospel tenderly and most effectively.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Now for two thousand paid-up subscribers to the Messenger. Who will help?

The Messenger's colors are national—red, white, blue. See notice and act accordingly.

We were rained out at our last Union meeting and ask where shall we meet in May?

Flattering reports reach us of Prof. Matthews' excellent school at Swansboro. He is doing much good.

We thank those who have renewed since our last issue. Let the good work go on. The Messenger is mending a little. Its editor is Rich, but its subscription list looks rather poor.

Pastor J. B. Newton, who is attending the Bible School at Wake Forest, has been called to the East Carteret churches, and it is hoped he will accept. He is a splendid worker and has a family who help him.

We are glad to hear such excellent reports from our Morehead City pastor, Brother R. P. Walker. The editor assisted in the recognition services the first of January. A fine pastor and a fine church have met.

The Messenger desires to thank Miss Bessie Heady, of Swansboro, N. C., for a good list of renewals. She is an editor's best friend. The young man who is so fortunate as to win her for a wife will be blessed indeed.

Rev. J. S. Bradshaw's son, who has been quite sick, is rapidly recovering from a severe sickness of malarial gripe. Brother Bradshaw is the popular pastor of the Presbyterian church of New Bern and a loveable man.

Those excellent articles in the last Messenger, "Open Communion Unscriptural," by Dr. William W. Hamilton, and "The Boy Jesus," by a friend of boys, were copied from the Baptist Argus. Brother Argus, we beg your pardon for failing to give you credit.

Pastor J. R. Taylor, of Bayboro, has accepted the Jackson church and leaves our Association. We are sorry to give him up. There are not enough pastors to man our vacant churches. We send forth the Macedonian call, "Come over and help us."

The Tabernacle Baptist church, of New Bern, declined the cordial and sincere invitation extended them by the First church to disband and reunite with them. They are looking for a pastor and will, we trust, find the right man to lead them. We are sorry they could not come back, but bid them God-speed in their work.

The Chicago Baptist Standard exchanges with the Messenger. We return our sincere thanks to our brethren, J. S. Dickerson and R. W. Van Daren, the able editors of this splendid paper. If our readers wish to subscribe for the Standard, enclose \$2.00 to us and we will be glad to forward the money.

Rev. C. B. Paul, who resigned the Southside church, of Wilmington, after two years of faithful and fruitful service, is attending the Seminary. He is a noble brother and well beloved in the Atlantic Association. He will return in June and spend the summer in this section, doing evangelistic work. Let those churches who contemplate holding their meetings during the summer write at once and engage him for

the meetings. No better man is to be had than Brother Paul.

Dr. R. E. Caldwell, pastor of the Presbyterian church of Winston-Salem, N. C., died recently. A great and good man has gone to his reward in the midst of his days. But his work was done and the Master called him up higher. He will be missed in Winston-Salem and in the State, for he was a royal soul. The trio has been broken—Brown (Baptist), Rondthaler (Moravian) and Caldwell (Presbyterian) have wrought well in the twincity. Their parish is the whole city and their work is immortal. Two yet remain behind, while the other one joins the hosts above.

The editor of the Messenger recently spent a delightful day with the Kinston pastor, G. W. Cowan. His people were saying of his Sunday sermon on the text, "And as For Me:" "It was a sermon of great power and tenderness." It is notorious in these parts that Cowan is guilty of preaching great sermons. But tell it not in Gath, nor publish it in Askelon, for he is needed down in these low grounds of sorrow. His church is bounding forward under his strong hand.

A few hours' sojourn in that hospitable and princely home of Dr. and Mrs. R. H. Lewis brought back to memory the happy and fruitful years when this humble scribe was a student of theirs in Hendersonville, N. C. Well does he remember the classroom work and above all those precious Sunday afternoon parlor prayer meetings, the power of whose influence is still a stay and staff. May God richly bless them as they journey on home.

HE APPRECIATES THE MESSENGER.

Durham, N. C.,
January 8th, 1904.

Elder W. H. Rich,
Dear Brother,—The Atlantic Messenger for January, 1904, is before me, and I can say, without flattery or reserve, that in my estimation it is the best number I have seen. Dr. Hamilton's article on first page—"Open Communion Unscriptural"—is the best on the subject that I have ever seen. It accords with the line of argument that has for a long time occupied my mind, but puts it in better shape than I could have hoped to do if I had undertaken to write on the subject. It would make an excellent tract, with this addition, and that is, to print all the passages of Scripture referred to. In reading a newspaper article or a tract very few people take the pains or the time to open the Bible and turn to the passages referred to, but if they are printed and put before their eyes they are obliged to read them.

I am utterly surprised to learn that you have so many subscribers who are in arrears for the paper. What, take a 25-cent paper as good as the Messenger and not pay for it! Shame! I had as leave buy 25 cents worth of sugar and not pay for it. Brethren, if you want the blessing of God on you, you will have to mend your ways. Pay for the paper and that in a hurry, and read it too. It will do you as much good to pay for it as to read it, and after paying for it you will read it with a much better relish. I am an old man, in my eightieth year, and know whereof I speak.

Wishing both the editor and the readers of the Messenger a prosperous year, I am,

Yours in the Gospel,
J. J. LANSDELL.

Thank you, my brother.

Critics.

A party of compositors and printers from the country, up for a day's outing in London, visit the National gallery and pause in front of Turner's "Ulysses."

Foreman (to his companions, both lost in admiration)—It's marvelous! All done by hand too!

Second Compositor and Printer (enthusiastically)—Why, it's every bit as good as color printing!—Punch.

To be a consistent hypocrite is the craft of a very fine artist.—Schoolmaster.



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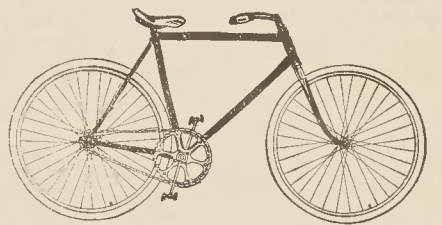
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