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Do not criticise him if he preaches a few minutes longer than you wanted him to. He knows more about it than you do.

Stand with ready hands to do whatever he may ask you to do to advance the Master's cause.

Love your brethren and sisters, and do not be a backbiter. Backbiting is cowardice.

Invite people to your church and make it it pleasant for them while there.

Go to Sunday school, and stop saying "the church is not doing its duty in this phase of the work."

Do not sleep while the pastor is trying to preach the gospel to you.

Try to lift up the weak brother instead of kicking him down.

Inform the pastor of the sick ones in your community, and then visit them yourself.

The Pastor's Opportunity.

Of all people the pastor has the greatest opportunity to advance the Lord's cause. He settles down in a community, and there his influence is felt on all important question, secular as well as divine. He is looked upon by the masses as "the standard" by which all are to be measured. If he takes hold of anything, the people are more than apt to follow. If he stands aloof, the people will do the same.

In the Atlantic Association the pastors are waking up to their opportunity, and advancement is being made along all lines. There are more people reading The Messenger, the Biblical Recorder

and the North Carolina Baptist than ever before. The pastors are responsible for this in a large measure. They have found that the reader of some religious newspaper brings enthusiasm into the church because he sees what is needed to be done abroad as well as at home, and he is made a broader man in his views. It is the reading man or woman that leads in the work of the church today. Therefore, it is the supreme duty of the pastor to see to it that his people read the religious paper instead of a "dime novel," which poisons the mind, fills jails with criminals and wrecks lives for eternity.

Brother pastor, wake up to your opportunity and do your best to let your influence count for much in all lines.

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Truly,

E. C. ANDREWS.

In our recent Sunday school convention almost every phase of the work was practically and enthusiastically discussed. Special stress was laid on the means and appliances for aiding Sunday school teachers to qualify for this great work, and special references were made to plans for testing their efficiency for its discharge. The convention in its utmost relations is calculated to stimulate a stronger interest on the part of the church, in the work undertaken by the teachers, and enhance the teachers' sense of their responsibility and privilege.

W. H. WHITEHEAD.

Pamlico Field.

Dear Messenger:—Sister Foltlett has been in Pamlico in the interest of mission societies. Her coming has resulted in the organization of two societies. These are at Bayboro, viz., a ladies' missionary society and a Sunbeam for the little people. The pastor is a strong advocate of woman's work, as well as that of the young people. They have a place and a very important one in the great work of the church. Discouragements they will have, but not too many to thwart the efforts of consecrated, energetic women and children. God bless the noble women and children of our land in their efforts to build up the kingdom of Christ and pull down the strongholds of Satan.

A society composed of brethren and sisters had already been formed at Vandemere.

At Oriental the sisters had previously organized an aid society for building an edifice for worship. They are working heroically, but it will be some time before they can carry out their cherished plans unless they can realize help from other sources. We have an inviting place to con-

struct the building and about two hundred dollars in cash. We do want to get enough to lay the foundation and get it hulled in before the winter. This will take work and money. Three other nice houses of worship are already completed. With the material we already have and the outlook for the future of this progressive town we must not nor can we afford to fall behind the others. Anyone who has money in hand for this work will please forward it to Brother J. W. Smith, Oriental, N. C. J. B. NEWTON.

The Atlantic Institute.

The Institute has just closed its year's work and it may be of interest to the readers of the Messenger to know what has been done and what the prospects are for the coming session. During the year 130 regular students were enrolled, with a number of special students who pursued studies in only one or two departments. There has been maintained through the present session the Primary department, the Intermediate department, the Academic department, the department of Music, and the department of Elocution. In all these departments the majority of the students have done satisfactory work and their progress has been admirable. The work of the teachers has been faithful, earnest and thorough, and I with express my appreciation of the work of my assistants during the present session and to commend them for their earnest efforts to impart knowledge and instruction to those under their care. Mrs. Jones of the primary department, and Miss Maude Davis of the Intermediate department, have been with the school since its beginning. If the love and esteem in which a teacher is held is an evidence of the character of her work, then these faithful workers have the satisfaction of knowing that theirs is of the very highest. This is Miss Lucy Davis' second year as Music teacher. To those who know her her work speaks more strongly than words, and to those who do not know of her work it is sufficient to say that if a person has any musical talent she will find and develop it.

Our commencement exercises occurred the first week in May, Tuesday night Dr. C. C. Cox, of Newbern, preached the annual sermon. His subject was "The Sure Foundation." The sermon was a strong and masterly statement of the true foundation of physical, intellectual and spiritual development and life. Wednesday night Prof. N. Y. Gulley, of Wake Forest, delivered the literary address. His subject was "The future," it caught the ear of the people in the very beginning and the interest was sustained to the end. The three topics discussed: Questions of the Future, the Man of the Future, and the School of the Future, showed that the speaker was thoroughly conversant with his subject; and the masterly way in which he handled these topics showed that he is thoroughly alive to the opportunities and dangers of the future, to the importance of the man for the future, and to the need for adequate schools for his education. Thursday night the annual concert was given. The pupils acquitted themselves with

credit and distinction, and their effort were well received by a crowded house.

So much for the past, now a few plain statements about the future. The Institute is not what it should be and it never will be while present conditions prevail. Those who are most intimately connected with it know this better than any one else. No one man, by his individual efforts, can build up a good school. He must have the co-operation and support of those for whom the school was founded. So long as as the parents who constitute the membership of the Atlantic Association patronize other schools or keep their children at home, our associational school cannot prosper. If an education is worth having it is worth making sacrifice for, and every true Baptist ought to have denominational pride enough in him to sustain and support his own school, even at a sacrifice. There is another thing that will kill any school—irregular attendance on the part of the students. Of course this does not apply so much to boarding students as to the local patronage. It not only eats up the income of the school, but it counteracts all the benefits the child receives while in attendance.

The Atlantic Institute is an absolute necessity to Baptists of this Association. False doctrines thrive on ignorance and the only way to establish the true is by educating the people at large. If you let the Institute fail you may as well give up your mission work and turn the field over to the other denominations. One year, or two at most, is as long as a good teacher will stay at a place if he is not properly supported by those in whose interest he is working, and he cannot build up a strong school in that time. These things have not been said in a spirit of censure, but in the hope that they may set the brethren to thinking.

Brethren, rally to your school. Give us the help we have a right to expect of you, and next session will be by far the best in its history. If you have a boy or girl who should be in school tell us about it. If you know of any, write us about them that we may correspond with them.

Fraternally,
WALTER L. BEACH.

Obituary.

Mrs. Lillian Bell, the devoted and loving wife of Mr. Cornelius Bell, of Newport, was summoned by God to depart this life, March 14th, 1905, and make her abode in the mansion He had prepared for her on high.

She entered this life, Feb. 23, 1871. She leaves a husband and five children to mourn their loss.

In 1903 she united with the Missionary Baptist church and was baptised by the writer. Since that time she lived a consecrated, Christian life.

To the bereaved family and friends we extend our sincere sympathy. E. O. JOHNSON, Newport, N. C.

Pastor W. P. Campbell, Seven Springs, conducted a meeting in his church there, which resulted in the conversion of twenty-six persons. Four of them have been approved for baptism. We would appreciate a letter from Bro. Campbell for the MESSENGER.



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