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A THOUGHT—SOLVE IT.

BY J. B. DOWDY.

Planting time is over. Crops are growing fine; The planted germs are rotten, But the results are mine.

Growing time is flying, Harvest time is nigh, Soon the time will come When we will have to die

We are like the growing crops, Near the harvest time, O may we all be gathered, In a brighter, better clime.

If we are divinely planted, In soil of grace and love, Our rest will be joyful, In the bright realms above.

O, may all sins be pardoned, And every conscience clear, So we can spend eternity Without a sigh or tear.

Oh God, be merciful! And grant us our request, O give us a home in heaven, With thy sainted guest.

Then we will praise thee ever, With everlasting songs, As we walk thy streets, forever In multitudinous throngs.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

I am now at home. My wife is very sick. Last Tuesday night some one entered my house and relieved me of all the money I had saved up to pay expenses through Mrs. St. Clare's approaching illness. Last Sunday was spent at Oak Grove, Miller county, Ga. with W. A. McDonald, who as so much interested in the great reforms going on now in Georgia. And indeed the present success of the F. W. B. in Ga is largely due to Eld. McDonald's untiring energy. I have just read the last issue of the dear old BAPTIST and note Bro. Geo. H. Harper's letter. It seemed that my article touched a tender place in Bro. Harper's make up. His letter speaks for him. When Jesus inspired ignorant fishermen to preach, they used the most beautiful chaste language, without a grammatical error or a single mistake. Why, because God called them and God qualified them. They made no blunders, because God, the Holy Ghost spoke through them. Now we do not want to offend any one. God forbid. But let us face a few facts. Does God in this age call and qualify men to preach? "Oh yes," says almost every one. Yes, I know God calls men to preach; yes, I know it. I also know that he does not qualify them. For if the same God who qualified Peter James and John; ignorant fishermen, qualified Bro. Harper and scores of others, they would use the same beautiful language. They would make no blunders or mistakes. I believe that God did call all these good men to preach; for their works prove it, but to claim that God qualified them is to make God responsible for all their errors in speech. You may search the Bible and you will find that all the prophets and apostles whom God qualified used very choicest language. Why? Because God was speaking through them. But for Bro. Harper to claim that God speaks through him forces me and all other thinking people to one or two conclusions; namely, either God has forgotten his language or Bro. Harper has claimed too much.

Now, as God never forgets, I am forced to believe the Bro. claims too much. Now Bro. and all others like you, let me say if you will refer to my article you will find that I did not say or intimate that we should take up any and all and educate them for the ministry. But we have lots of young men who are called of God. It is our duty to help them qualify so that they can express themselves intelligently. You know, my dear Bro. Harper, that most all of our preachers in Fla. feel ashamed to preach even in the little towns, where they trade. The apostles went to the cities. Our preachers stay in the country; what a difference. One of the best of our preachers said to me recently: "I am getting ashamed to preach, for the children laugh at my mistakes." I do not mean to push the uneducated man out. God forbid. But I do not, and preachers like the Gospel preachers were used good plain, simple language. God bless the dear brethren, who laid the foundation of the F. W. B. church in the South. They did it well and we want to continue to build upon it. Now dear Bro. Harper, I want to call your attention to the following facts: Seventy five years ago the Primitive Baptist church was the stronger and the Missionary Baptist the weaker of the two churches. There were 30 Primitives to one Missionary. Now look, the Missionaries now number three millions, the Primitives less than forty thousand. What was the cause of the great decrease? Can you tell? It was because the Missionaries, when God calls a man to preach, assisted him to qualify. The Primitives, boasting and relying upon their ignorance opposed education, missions and nearly every thing else. Now this will end my article on this subject. There are none so blind as those who will not see. It is needless to try and show a man the right when he shuts his eyes and prefers darkness. They dont want to know anything and are offended if others try to cultivate the talents God has given them. I wish no debate on the subject and will have none. This article is written in love. One more question: Who is it today that is pushing this question of education? Why, glory to God, it is such men as Eld. W. A. McDonald, Sam Eley, G. T. Wiley, J. A. Blanton, W. T. E. Butler and others. Are these men educated? No, but loving the Free Will Baptist, they see the need of it.

St. CLAIR. Seed does not always grow the year it is planted. Some seeds in the writer's garden are now sprouting which have been planted over two years. The great question is this: Have you prayerfully, intelligently, obediently sown the seed? Have you so sown that you have reason to expect a harvest?

UNION MEETING.

The Union Meeting of the third district of the Cape Fear Conference met in regular session with the church at North East, Duplin county, N. C. July 28th and 29th, 1905. Eld. R. C. Jackson who was elected at the last union to preach the introductory, attended and preached—Text: "Thou art Peter and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Matt. 16: 8. At the close of the sermon, the congregation was dismissed until 3:30, p. m. Benediction by R. C. Jackson.

AFTERNOON SESSION. Pursuant to adjournment the congregation met as per dismission. Singing by congregation. Reading and prayer by Rev. C. W. Ezzell. Rev. O. B. Garrison moderator, being absent, O. M. Jones, the union adjourn to meet tomorrow morning at nine o'clock a. m. Benediction by M. R. Allen.

ENROLLMENT OF OFFICERS. Moderator, P. M. Dameron; R. C. Jackson, secretary and T. H. Carter, Treasurer. Finance Committee—J. R. Parker, I. C. Orr. Committee on Program and Queries—J. R. Parker, G. M. Cooper. Home Mission Board—S. English, C. B. Pridgen and W. H. Phipps.

Ordained Ministers Present—R. C. Jackson, J. M. Wilson, by letter. Licentiate Bro. M. R. Allen of the fourth district of the Cape Fear Conference, and Rev. C. W. Ezzell formerly of the Union Baptist church, is granted all the privileges of the body save that of voting. The moderator extends the said brethren the right hand of fellowship.

CHURCHES, DELEGATES AND CONTRIBUTIONS. Plain View, and Owen's Grove—Not represented. Zoar—G. M. Cooper, Home Mission, \$1.00; Garland—W. R. Highsmith, R. C. Cain and Douglas Carter, H. M., 75c; Peniel—S. English, T. W. Mills, H. M., 50c; Lebanon—J. R. Parker, H. M., \$1.73; Newton's X Roads—J. D. Highsmith, I. C. Orr, H. M., 66c; Foreign, \$1.00; Wilmington—Not represented; North East—David Cavanaugh, Elza Cavanaugh and Sister Lillian Alexander, H. M., \$3.25; Carr's Chapel—Not represented; Bethlehem—W. H. Phipps, I. E. Jones, H. M., 50c; Foreign, \$1.00; Rowan—J. D. Brown, H. M., 50c; Foreign, 60c; Saint Paul's—F. M. Dameron, H. M., \$1.00; Foreign, \$1.65; Kelly's—J. L. Pridgen, H. M., \$1.00; Union Grove, Johnson's Grove, and Shady Grove, not represented. On investigation, it was found that a chorus was present. On motion by Bro. I. C. Orr, the moderator was empowered to appoint all the necessary committees in carrying out the business of this union meeting. The following committees were appointed:

Devotional—David Cavanaugh, T. H. Carter and W. H. Phipps. Sabbath Schools—J. R. Parker, G. M. Cooper and Elza Cavanaugh. Education—J. C. Orr, W. R. Highsmith and M. R. Allen. Temperance—I. E. Jones, J. D. Highsmith and J. D. Brown. A petitionary letter was read from Leland, North Carolina, seeking admission into our body, borne by Bro. A. J. Benton, delegate, Home Mission, \$1.00. On motion by J. R. Parker, the church at Leland, N. C., is unanimously received a member of this body. The moderator extended the hand of fellowship to the delegate from said church. Committee on Religious Exercise beg to report: To preach tonight, Bro. M. R. Allen at eight o'clock p. m., followed by Rev. R. C. Jackson. On motion by Bro. I. E. Jones, the union adjourn to meet tomorrow morning at nine o'clock a. m. Benediction by M. R. Allen.

SECOND DAY EVENING. The union convened in the church at the hour appointed as per adjournment. Business assumed under the head of reports: Petitions were considered for locating the next meeting. On motion by W. R. Highsmith, the union convene with the church at Saint Paul's, Sampson county, N. C., five miles south of Newton's Grove. Rev. I. W. Bordeaux to preach the introductory sermon was elected and O. B. Garrison to be his alternate. Home Mission Board—We your board on Home Missions beg to submit the following report: We recommend the mission stations to be discontinued as to monthly services and that this union provide for a ten days meeting to be held at the following places: Rev. R. C. Jackson ten days at the Cole's School House and also at Penial. That be allowed to draw on the treasurer for ten dollars for each meeting. We further recommend that Eld. W. W. Avant hold a ten days meeting at Union Grove and be allowed ten dollars for services when rendered. Respectfully Submitted, By the Committee.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES. Temperance—We your committee on temperance beg to report as follows: We have every reason to believe that total prohibition is fast gaining ground. We are glad to note that the churches of every Christian denomination, generally, are raising arms against intoxicants. Ministers and laymen are becoming more and more disgusted with the liquor question. We earnestly request that all our ministers keep the memory of their congregation informed of the fact that intemperance is the leading evil of the church and nation. We beg all our Christian ladies to use their utmost talents and influence against drink to the salvation of the rising generation. Fully Submitted, By the Committee. Education—Dear brethren, we your committee on education submit the following: We regret to report that our people are far short along the line of literary training, and realizing that education is one of the greatest human needs among our people so far as personal qualification extends. We therefore recommend that this union make greater efforts and sacrifice more to give their young ministers a thorough education also their children and especially do we recommend that this union patronize our school at Beulah N. C., under the principleshp of Rev. A. R. Flowers who pledges to guard

well the moral and spiritual welfare of all students male and female entrusted in his care. In connection with the primary and graded departments, will be run instrumental music, piano and violin and guitar, with geography taught by Prof. Julius Duddy, of five years successful experience. Tuition in music \$2.00 per month. Literary department all the way from \$1.00 to \$3.00, according to grade. Board in good private homes at \$6.50 per month. We recommend the school to the general public as second to none, as a preparatory school. Rev. A. K. Flowers is a man widely known in Eastern North Carolina of twelve years experience in highschools, a graduate of the University of N. C. Respectfully Submitted, I. C. ORR, M. R. ALLEN, } Com. W. R. HIGHSMITH }

On motion, the union adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock p. m. SECOND DAY EVENING. The union convened in the church at the hour appointed as per adjournment. Business assumed under the head of reports: Petitions were considered for locating the next meeting. On motion by W. R. Highsmith, the union convene with the church at Saint Paul's, Sampson county, N. C., five miles south of Newton's Grove. Rev. I. W. Bordeaux to preach the introductory sermon was elected and O. B. Garrison to be his alternate. Home Mission Board—We your board on Home Missions beg to submit the following report: We recommend the mission stations to be discontinued as to monthly services and that this union provide for a ten days meeting to be held at the following places: Rev. R. C. Jackson ten days at the Cole's School House and also at Penial. That be allowed to draw on the treasurer for ten dollars for each meeting. We further recommend that Eld. W. W. Avant hold a ten days meeting at Union Grove and be allowed ten dollars for services when rendered. Respectfully Submitted, By the Committee.

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that in disciplining unruly members in the church, when the church after resorting all manner of long suffering and taking the Word under the guidance of the Holy Ghost, even the authority whereby to unveil the right and to turn on the needed light; if such shall continue to rebel and show defiance to the church and are expelled from the church and are bound on earth, they shall be bound in heaven, unless they seek the Lord in timely repentance, and are restored through divine favor. See Matthe w 18th chapter and 15, 16, 17 and 18 verses.

Query for the next Union—What do we understand John the Revelator to teach by giving power to my two witnesses and who are they, or what do they represent? Rev. 11: 3. By REV. R. C. JACKSON. Finance Committee—We your committee on finance beg to submit the following: We find treasurer's hands from last union, for Foreign Missions, \$241.24; H. M. from last union, \$3.18; F. M. Col. at this union, \$4.25; For Home Mission, \$11.89; Total, \$260.56. I. C. ORR, J. R. PARKER, } Committee.

On motion, this union tender a vote of thanks to the good people of North East and vicinity, for the generous manner in which they have entertained this union. On motion, the union adjourn to meet with the church at Saint Paul's, Sampson Co., N. C., on Friday before the fifth Sunday in October, at eleven a. m., 1905. Benediction by R. C. Jackson. F. M. DAMERON, Mod. R. C. JACKSON, Sec.

REVIVAL AT PINEY GROVE CHURCH, PITT COUNTY. DEAR EDITOR:—Please allow me space in the BAPTIST to mention the meeting at Piney Grove, which began Sept. 9, as was above mentioned. The meeting has been a wonderful success. There have been 12 accessions to the church and one gave in at the water. I want to say that Elder R. I. Corbett is a power in revival work. He is the right man in the right place. Corbett is a man that I believe has the work at heart. He has done a great work at this place and some I think that will be lasting. He made many friends in the community of Piney Grove church. He is very kind and jovial and has a good word for everybody he meets. His wife is also engaged in the work with him. May God ever bless him and his dear companion and crown their labors with success; and enable them to bring up Leolan in the way she should go. We desire the prayers of all God's people that these meetings may be a success. Yours in Hope, LULA CRAWFORD.

Life is not measured by a day, but by a broad sweep of both time and eternity. So live: thou.—N. C. Baptist.

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Is it not far too true, speaking generally, the immense majority of our members are not prayerfully, intelligently, continuously working for the salvation of men? Is it not true that but a small minority can be said to be thus planning? In which class are you found? In which class is your society found? If you are a Christian, if your society has any right to the name it bears, something must be done.—Excel ange,