

that he is verily a prayer-hearing and a prayer answering God? Has your sky been obscured so that you could not receive these cheering rays from the sun of Righteousness, nor enjoy sweet communion as in days past? Have you been in the valley of humiliation, feeling the utter destitution of all pertaining unto self, that, like one alone, I seem to be, is there any one like me?—Through all of these changing scenes I can witness with you, for so have I been led.

Do you try to throw away your precious hope in Christ because you have not as striking a manifestation as Paul, or others, or hide it among the rubbish of the world, being too proud to join the humble band of sinners, redeemed alone by grace through faith, following their Lord? Do not thus, I beseech you, if you esteem it of more value than this world, as the redemption of your soul and assurance of eternal life, as an anchor both sure and steadfast, entering to that within the veil.

Precious truth of our Father's will:

He loved me of old, and He loveth me still, Before the creation He gave me by will A portion worth more than the Indies of gold, Which cannot be wasted, nor mortgaged, nor sold.

What a precious treasure! For the least hope of heirship, what little child would part with his portion for worlds like this, that will perish with using, crumble and decay, and be as though it were not? Surely there is no God like our God. Let us ever seek to exalt his name, humble though our efforts be. How rich the legacy bequeathed to his children, to be heirs of God and joint heirs with our Lord Jesus Christ, to an inheritance incorruptible, undefiled, and that fade h not away. What an exalted privilege to commune with the living God from above the mercy seat, with the blessed promise that what we ask of him in faith for Jesus' sake, that his name may be honored and glorified thereby, he will grant. We rejoice that our Lord is omnipotent, omnipresent and omniscient.

Are you scattered as many of our brethren and sisters are, rarely meeting with their kindred in Christ? may you enjoy more abundantly the presence of the Holy Spirit, leading you in the way of all truth. Are you on the bed of affliction? may the blessed Comforter be with you, and the healing effect of faith be manifest. Are you in the cradle of age and fast declining? may the grace of God be sufficient for thee. Have you just entered the christian race? we joyfully greet you, and may you prove faithful unto death and receive the crown of life. May those loitering by the way-side be constrained to follow, and those who are sorely oppressed with sin, and desiring above all else to know the Lord and be accepted of him, be enabled to realize the precious truth that God is love, and that we know that we have past from death to life, because we love the brethren.

Finally, beloved, farewell. May the peace and love of God richly abound in our hearts, as his follow-

ers, enabling us to bring forth fruits meet for repentance, and keep our garments unspotted from the world, and whatsoever hath not a thus saith the Lord. Our life is short and pilgrimage weary, but the blessings and mercies of our heavenly Father are new every morning, and fresh every evening, and may our days be spent in the glory of his name. May it be our chief aim to obey our heavenly Father here, and finally receive the joyful message, "Child, your Father calls, come home." Sweet, sweet home, forever to bask in the sea of eternal love, and crown him Lord of all. In view of the mercy of our God to us, all the days of our life, whether in prosperity or adversity, in nature or grace, and the hope of a home and rest in heaven when the storms of life are over, what manner of persons out we to be in all things?

Brother Gold, dispose of these promptings of my humble heart as your judgment dictates, and may the God of all truth and grace richly bestow his gifts and mercies upon you, is the wish of your little sister,  
S. N. BIGGS.

Madison, M. & C R. R., Ala.,  
Nov. 7th, 1876.

Elder P. D. Gold—Dear Brother in Christ:—

Enclosed I send you a post-office money order. (\$4.) Please continue the LANDMARK to Mrs. M. E. Trotman and myself, both at the same office. I can't do without our comforting, soul cheering paper. I believe it grows better and better every year. There is so much of the spirit of heavenly love and forbearance manifested in each number, each subscriber seeming to esteem others better than themselves. Each editorial is so beautifully clothed with the sweetest humility—yet pointed and plain—entirely free from a man-fearing spirit. May you continue in the future as in the past to declare boldly the whole counsel of God, seeking and striving patiently to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace.

Sister Hassell's letter in the last number was so sweet and precious to me. May the good Lord bless her and enable her to write oftener to the comfort of the poor and afflicted little flock.  
Yours, unworthily,  
SUE CRUTCHER.

**HISTORY.**

We call attention to the purpose of the Kehukee Association to have a history of the Primitive or Old School Baptists, from the days of the apostles', published.

A succinct, general history of the Baptists from the beginning, interwoven with a special history of the Kehukee Association, is contemplated. The Association feels the importance of publishing an authentic history of this kind, that enquirers generally may know the truth. This should be enrolled in the permanent tablets of a faithful history: for soon the old brethren, who remember the causes of the division with its incidents, will have passed away and none be left to tell the tale.

The Association has been fortun-

nate in obtaining the services of Elder C. B. Hassell to write the history.—His ability as a writer, his integrity and unimpeachable character for truthfulness, his ripe judgment, his long, unblemished standing among Baptists, running back to the days of separation, and, above all, his understanding in spiritual truth, all fit him well for the position.

Our readers can see from the notice, found in this issue of the LANDMARK, what should be done by our brethren and friends generally, to obtain subscribers and contributions for this purpose.

We hope they will bestir themselves generally in order to obtain subscribers' names and the needed money, and inform brother J. D. Biggs, Clerk of said Association, Williamston, N. C., what they have done.—ED.

We, Jas. R. Parker and J. R. O'Berry, have this day met, and we have settled the difficulty that existed between us—having confessed our faults and granted pardon.

JAS. R. PARKER,  
J. R. O'BERRY.

The above named brethren had an old difficulty that was brought into the Contentnea Association for settlement. It will be gratifying to the Association, as well as to others, to know that they have settled it.—[ED.

Rutherford Co., Tenn., Nov. 17th, 1876.

Elder P. D. Gold,—Dear Brother:—

You will please find enclosed \$4 25 to renew mine and brother Owen's subscriptions and to pay postage on your valuable paper.

Some, at least, of your subscribers know not precisely what the postage is on your paper. I think you would do well to insert it in your paper so that we can see what you have to pay if we fail to do our duty. I have been sending a pittance for postage ever since the new postage law, but know not whether I send enough or not.

My best wishes to you and the success of your little paper. Remember me in your prayers,  
WILLIAM B. OWEN.  
Remarks.

I thank you, brother Owen, for your remembrance of me. My postage on LANDMARK is about 130 dollars per year. While I do not claim it of any of my subscribers, yet when any of them send it I am thankful, and it helps me too. Ten cents a year from each paying subscriber will cover this expense. I have a considerable number of subscribers to whom I send the paper itself free. Will all that can do so send me what is due? I am needing money now, and every dollar helps. Each one's amount is by itself small, but put them all together and they will help me much.—[ED.

Happy, thrice happy are we, who have the God of Jacob for help, who makes us wonders to the world, the admiration of angels, and riddles to ourselves. I am now an old man, and yet a new creature; I totter and tremble, and yet am a brazen wall, and an iron fence; nothing but frailty, and yet possess everlasting strength. A bruised reed, and yet an invincible column; stark naked, and yet adorned with seven robes;

divorced for spiritual adultery, and yet a chaste virgin; near seventy years old, but only forty years of age; a condemned criminal, and yet just before God. Man and conscience less and worse than nothing, and yet much more than that noble creature called man; often ill, yet possessing saving health, and never sick, Isaiah 33: 24: thrice dead and four times alive.

A polluted leper, yet without spot; an enemy to God, and yet in the highest friendship with him; a vile sinner, and yet a thrice sanctified saint; a beggar, and yet an heir of three worlds; a worm of the dust, and yet an angel of God. An awful rebel, and yet an ambassador of peace; nothing but evil, yet filled with all goodness; a mass of corruption, yet incorruptible; a child of wrath, and yet a child of God; a cloud of darkness, and yet a shining light. An ignorant fool, and yet a wise spiritual teacher; naturally barren, yet the father of a hundred sons; the last of all, yet few before me; a servant of servants, yet crowned and anointed king; in the lower room, yet in the highest seat.

A native of Cranbooke in Kent, yet born and brought up in the City of Zion; never from the dunghill, yet always filling a throne of state, Job 36: 7. The appearance of a thief, yet a son of the King of kings; an incarnate devil, but a temple of the Almighty; a smutty coalheaver, but a priest of the most high God; a laborer in the vineyard, and a ruler in Israel. A condemned heretic, yet a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and verity; a man of a bad spirit, yet blessed with an holy one; an Antinomian, yet influenced with truth and power; the offscouring of the earth, yet the treasure of heaven; the bane of mankind, and the delight of the Almighty; an ill savor to sinners and yet salt to preserve them.—HUNTINGTON.

Man is born to trouble, and those that are born again are born to additional troubles; but these trying times are the Lord's opportunities.—He will be a very present help in trouble, and near to them that feel after him, and will be found of them. It is in the furnace that he has chosen us, and in the furnace the fervor and energy of prayer appears; and in the furnace God promises to hear, &c.—HUNTINGTON.

Elders Isaac Jones and B. H. Wooten expect to preach, the Lord willing:

Thursday night before 3rd Sunday in December.....	Smithfield
Friday.....	Clement
Saturday and Sunday (3rd).....	Hannah's Creek
Monday.....	Juniper
Tuesday.....	Hickory Grove
Wednesday.....	Reedy Prong
Thursday.....	Mingo
Friday.....	Black River
Saturday and Sunday (4th).....	New Hope
Monday.....	Sandy Grove
Tuesday.....	Willow Spring
Wednesday.....	Middle Creek
Thursday.....	Fellowship
Friday.....	Rehoboth
Saturday.....	Baptist Centre
Saturday night.....	Clayton

The brethren will be dependent for Conveyance. J. A. T. JONES.