

The Stanly Baptist.

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CHURCH DIRECTORY.

West Albemarle.

Preaching First and Fourth Sundays at 11 a. m., and every Sunday night. Sunday school at 10 a. m., B. M. Rogers, Supt.

Big Lick.

Preaching on Second Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Sunday school at 10 a. m., M. F. Huneycutt, Supt.

Pleasant Grove.

Preaching on Second Sunday evening at 2:30. Sunday school at 10 a. m., A. E. Eudy, Supt.

Silver Springs.

Preaching Third Sunday at 11 a. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m., C. Russell, Supt.

Cottonville.

Preaching on Third Sunday at 2:30 p. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m., E. D. Thompson, Supt.

Canton.

Preaching Fourth Sunday at 2:30 p. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m., A. F. Morton, Supt.

Union Grove.

Preaching on First Sunday at 2:30 p. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m., J. H. Howard, Supt.

Norwood Baptist Church.

Services every first and third Sunday at 11 a. m., and at night. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Prayer meeting every Thursday night.—E. M. Brooks, pastor; Robert A. Kendall, S. S. Supt.

New London Baptist Church.

Preaching every fourth Sunday at 11 a. m., and Saturday before. Sunday school at 10 a. m.—J. E. Crook, Supt.

If anyone is sick or in distress, notify your pastor; he is always willing to help.

Our esteemed friend and brother, J. L. Vipperman, has accepted a call to a most excellent church in Mississippi. He leaves a splendid church at Spencer. We can not say how much we regret that he is going to leave us, but if North Carolina will not make room for such noble sons let some other State have them. He has been pastor of Spencer Baptist church for several years and has accomplished much during this time. The church house has been enlarged and new pews put in besides the spiritual strengthening to the membership. Vipperman is one of the best posted men in the South, and no one is a sounder Baptist than he. It has been one privilege to have him with us several times, and we are glad to say that no man was ever more appreciated by my people than he. We trust that his new field will appreciate him, and give all the support he needs.

Lexington's hospitality during the recent Sunday School Institute was unbounded. The editor of this little paper was entertained in the splendid home of Bro. G. W. Miller, brother of Rev. John R. Miller, former pastor of the Palmerville field.

The Sunday School Institute held at Lexington February 16-19 has become a fixed thing, and will meet each year in some section of piedmont North Carolina, the time and place being left to Secretary Middleton. This is a decided forward step, and we trust that every pastor, superintendent, teacher, and everyone interested in Sunday schools will arrange to attend this meeting next year.

By carefully examining our statistics we find that one hundred and seventy thousand Baptists in North Carolina are inactive, and upon a closer examination we find that this vast number do not attend Sunday school. We certainly ought to get busy along these lines. We must reach them for the Sunday school if we reach them at all. Much of this is caused by indifferent, ignorant pastors.

The editor visited Bro. Henry Sheets while attending the recent Sunday school institute in Lexington. He is a very interesting man. He has been preaching about thirty-six years, and during this time he has laid by a valuable store of learning. He takes an especial delight in Baptist History. He has procured more rare books than any one we have seen. We are glad a few noble spirits are interested in our history. If it were not so, our history would soon be lost, and pedo-baptists would be so proud. We shall not soon forget our pleasant visit to this splendid home.

This word from Ruth Black at Mars Hill Cillege encourages us: "There is a meeting going on here now. I've never been in such a one. All of the home girls have been converted and most of the boys. About twenty were converted to-night, (Feb. 1st.). Many have joined the church, but I do not know how many. Mr. Owen of Brevard is doing the preaching. He certainly is a great preacher. One boy was converted and got up immediately, made a talk and led in prayer. This is what every school ought to do. Then we would have no trouble getting our pulpits filled or any other good work accomplished. So many schools and colleges let formality and pride rule and ruin them. Instead of the boys and girls becoming more religious, they become more and more irreligious, and finally drop into skepticism. May not all of our denominational schools follow the example of Mars Hill?"

We are glad that some preachers in North Carolina are men enough to show which side of the fence they are on. We feel sorry for the poor coward who hears Rome call our children bastards and our wives prostitutes and will not open his mouth because he is afraid that he will lose popularity. If Christ himself were here, they would not be caught in company with him. They would be afraid it would not be popular. My! how we wish every preacher was a man of conviction. We, then, could chase the devil, but as it is, when a man feels that he ought to denounce evil, some little twenty-two calibre fellow will criticize him. We take about as much cognizance of them as the ox did the gnat on his horn. They are to be pitied. Well did James say that "the man that thinketh himself to be something when he is nothing, deceiveth himself." We are glad that the North Carolina Baptist ministry has such men as L. R. Pruett, pastor of Ninth Avenue Baptist church, Charlotte; Dr. W. M. Vines, pastor First Baptist church, Charlotte; C. A. G. Thomas, pastor of the First Baptist church, Salisbury. These are heroes. They are not afraid to denounce Romanism.

Letter From B. G. Whitley.

Albemarle, N. C.,

February 20, 1911.

Dear Brother Black.—

It is rather late to mention Christmas tree, and Christmas poundings, but I will mention some anyway.

December 25, that being Christmas Day, the brethren and sisters of Prospect Baptist church met at the place of worship. It was the pastor's happy privilege to meet with them. When we entered the church, we saw a large tree well filled with the nicest of presents. The hour for service arrived, and the house being well filled, we witnessed one of the most impressive Christmas services that we have ever seen. The Sunday school treat was so impressive, and the spirit of the Lord was present. The children, as well as the older ones, went away with glad hearts. We almost felt like we were in a revival meeting. The exercises being over, and some special gifts from teachers given out, the superintendent of the Sunday school announced that there were some more gifts to be given out. When the congregation heard this, they unhesitatingly went out, leaving the pastor in amazement. A few minutes passed away, and then we understood it all. The people returned, bringing flour, sugar, coffee, pumpkins, and many other things to make a pastor feel happy. After packing all of these nice things in our buggy we decided that this was a real pounding. Surely the Lord was with us.

Mt. Pleasant, Mission and Kendall churches also had

Christmas exercises the same day. The pastor was unable to attend all these services but the brethren report that they had good services. We were especially delighted to hear of the good behavior at the churches; that means so much.

I will here mention another experience in the pounding line: On Saturday evening before the first Sunday in this month, at our regular meeting at Kendall, our heart again rejoiced. After preaching services was over and we were going through some experiences in conference, and as we were standing to be dismissed, Bro. Thomas Miller stated that the brethren wanted to make the heart of their pastor rejoice. The brethren at once began to leave the house, and on returning they were loaded with many good things. We are obliged to say our heart rejoiced at this time. We came home feeling more like fighting the battles of a Christian life. After arriving home and showing the nice things given us to the family, we again rejoiced. May God's richest blessings rest upon these good people.

B. G. WHITLEY.

Bro. J. L. Vipperman Accepts a call to Mississippi.

After five years of faithful and fruitful ministry as pastor of our First church at Spencer, Rev. J. L. Vipperman has accepted a call to the pastorate of the First Baptist church, Columbus, Miss., and will enter upon his duties there the first Sunday in March. Following his recent visit to Mississippi, the Columbus Dispatch on January 28 had the following to say: "After hearing him preach Sunday morning the board of deacons of the church held a meeting and decided unanimously to recommend his election as pastor of the church and the board's recommendation was acted on favorably by the congregation at the evening service. All who heard Dr. Vipperman were forcibly impressed with his sincerity and force of character and his splendid ability as a pulpit orator. He is a scholar of rare accomplishment and a thorough theologian. His two sermons Sunday were marked by their eloquence and mastery of his subjects, which favorably impressed his audience. His acceptance talk following his election was especially brilliant and sentimentally beautiful."

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