

# The Atlantic Messenger.

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### OUR UNION MEETING.

The time has come when something should be said concerning this department of our work. Some of our people do not feel that a Union meeting is worth attending. That depends a great deal how much interest the brother takes in the Union. He can stay at home and grumble with those who do attend and discourage the work. This does harm.

There are some reasons why people do not attend. First, the pastors do not attend like they ought; and if they do attend a great many never make any preparation to speak upon the different questions until they reach the union; and therefore, have nothing worth saying or listening to.

Another reason is that they feel that they are needed at home in their own church more than at the union. They forget that they need to come together and get a fresh supply of brotherly-fellowship, and help others while they themselves are being helped.

Again, we should attend the union because the meeting will be a blessing to any church that is fortunate enough to get it to visit them.

The pastors, too, need to get together once every three months and discuss different phases of the work of the churches. The pastor that does not attend the Union usually narrows himself down too much—to his own immediate pastorate. So, let every pastor be at the Union, and may each one do his best to make it a great success. And, let every church send up a good delegation and thus encourage the work.

### GOING INTO POLITICS?

Do you believe in any prohibitory or restraining law whatever with regard to the liquor traffic?

If so, how can you get that law enacted without the aid of a general assembly? And how can you get a favorable general assembly without voting and working for one?

And yet they cry out, "Don't go into politics!"

Are they not in politics? Are they not moved by other motives than friendship for temperance? Are they not endeavoring to frighten you, seeing that they cannot out-vote you?

It is not necessary to form a party. It is necessary only that you carry with you to primary and polls your support of temperance. That is all the "going into politics" that we need. And less than that is violence to conscience.

Make it a matter of conscience to know how every candidate stands.

Make conscience king.  
Make righteousness paramount.  
And defy the bosses and whip-pers-in.—Biblical Recorder.

### AUTUMN GLORY.

A riot of shadow and shine,  
A glory of olive and amber and wine,  
To the westering sun the colors run  
Through the deeps of the ripening  
wheat. —Hamlin Garland.

## NOTES AND COMMENTS.

A good meeting of our Association!

Quite a number of our churches failed to send delegates to the Association. Brethren, wake up!

The number of delegates and visitors to the Association was far above the average this year. Good for you brethren, do so again.

Our churches on the Pamlico county field have called pastor J. B. Newton, but he has not accepted yet.

Brother Lloyd M. Holloway has resigned the Pamlico county field, and will leave about Nov. 1st. He has won a warm place in the hearts of our people and will not soon be forgotten. Brother, the Messenger follows you with best wishes for your success.

Pastor C. C. Cox, of Richmond, Va., has accepted the call to Middle Street Baptist Church, New Bern, and will take charge about November 1st. The Messenger rejoices to know that our brethren have been so successful in getting a worthy successor to Bro. Rich.

It is very gratifying to know that Brother E. C. Andrews, of Henderson, N. C., has accepted the call to the Swansboro church and will also preach to several of our country churches in that section. Andrews is a wide-awake young pastor and we predict much success for him on this new field. It is reported that he will not live in the parsonage alone.

Brother J. S. Canady, of Wilmington has moved to Swansboro and put in a nice stock of drugs. He will be of a great service to our Swansboro church, and to our entire Association. He makes a fine Moderator. Brother, the Messenger gives you a hearty welcome to our Association. There is much work you can do.

The Messenger is glad to know that Brother M. S. Harris, of Tarboro, has started off on his work with very flattering prospect. Harris is a good consecrated boy and will do well anywhere.

Pastor W. H. Rich, of Salisbury, N. C., has been conducting a very successful meeting in his church. Rev. R. D. Haymore is assisting him. Five were added to the church the first Sunday of Bro. Rich's ministry at this church. We have no stronger or better preacher in North Carolina than Rich, and we congratulate our church at Salisbury in securing the services of one so gifted in so many ways.

Evangelist J. E. Smith, of Concord, N. C., aided pastor Whitehead in a good meeting at Beaufort. Three have been baptized as a result of the meeting and others will follow soon.

The Beaufort Church is to be congratulated on raising pastor's salary and calling Bro. Whitehead for all of his time. This is an evidence of progress, besides they have increased their pledges for next year above what they did this year.

Rev. E. O. Johnson, our Missionary between Morehead City and New Bern, held a meeting at Carolina City in a storehouse assisted by Pastor Walker, which resulted in the conversion of five men and women. Three were baptized. The brethren say that they are going to build a church house there. They are a noble little band of workers.

Let every church in the Atlantic Union send up a good delegation to this meeting. Woodville church is the place and no church can afford not to send up delegates. Brethren and sisters, don't fail to attend. It begins on Friday night before the fifth Sunday in October.

When you are going to buy anything remember those who advertise in the Messenger. They are all good men, and we should patronize them.

We sympathize with the Rev. J. A. Campbell in the loss of his father.

He was a faithful minister of the Gospel for many years. God bless the bereaved ones.

Pastor A. T. King, of Greenville, N. C., has had a very successful year in his pastorate. Quite a number have been added to our church there by baptism. King is a popular young pastor, and is doing a great work.

The fever scourge at our orphanage at Thomasville, is abating somewhat. The Father has taken two of the dear children up to heaven to live forever with Him. At this time of trouble let every church and every individual pray for the orphanage and give it a contribution. "God loveth a cheerful giver."

Rev. C. E. Edwards, of Swansboro, has not accepted any call yet. He is a good man and will do good work anywhere the Lord calls him. We hope he will remain in the Eastern part of the State.

At the close of Rev. L. Johnson's excellent address on State Missions at the Atlantic Association, a resolution was introduced by Pastor Walker to increase the pledges to State Missions at least 50 per cent, and it was adopted enthusiastically.

Dr. Adam Clark says that strong drink is not only the devil's way into a man, but the man's way to the devil.

Pastor A. W. Setzer, one of the former editors of the Messenger, is now editor of the Mt. Zion Field; the Associational paper of the Mount Zion Association. We wish him much success in his new work.

Rev. W. R. Bradshaw, of North Wilkesboro, has accepted the call to Reidsville.

There hangs in the study room of the Rowena Whitty building a portrait of a young girl, with a fair, calm, sweet face which betokens the noble nature and the beautiful character that made her so general a favorite of her community. It is the picture of Rowena Whitty, sacred to those memory the building stands.—Charity and Children.

There are more than one hundred and eighty-two thousand white Baptists in North Carolina, and why do we only attempt to raise \$20,000 for Foreign Missions? It is because the leaders have no faith in the help which of right should come from the mass of our people. We have more than one hundred thousand Baptists who are asleep if not dead.

We have more than thirteen hundred Sunday schools in North Carolina and yet there are alone five hundred Baptist churches in the State which have no schools.

The Baptist Associations are as a rule, making substantial progress along missionary lines, but what we could do if we were of one mind and burdened with the responsibility of a lost world!

Baptist are the greatest people in the world, and they are not half what God wants them to be. Have we stopped to think that God knows our energy, power, and that he holds us responsible for everything that we are capable of doing.

Many of our Associations in the western part of the state are making rapid progress along the lines of education and missionary endeavor.

Secretary L. Johnson is making the very best Corresponding Secretary our State Convention has ever had. He is loved by all who know him, and the Baptists of North Carolina are now satisfied that Bro. Johnson is also God's choice.

### MOREHEAD CITY CHURCH NOTES.

It is very gratifying to note the increase in the attendance at Sunday School. We had one hundred and fifty present last Sunday.

We were glad to welcome Prof. Walter L. Beach into the fellowship of our church last Sunday night.

Miss Stella Piner and Mrs. Lillian Leary have returned from an extended trip to Wilmington, Norfolk and other places.

Miss Lizzie Willis is visiting friends in New Bern. We hate to let you

go, even for a few days, and so you must hurry back. We miss you out of the choir.

Brother David W. Bell, one of our oldest members, is on the sick list. We hope to see him out again soon.

Our Yates' Missionary Society rendered a beautiful program on the second Sunday at 3:00 p. m. A large audience attended and enjoyed the meeting greatly. Our young people take the lead in this work always.

Our church sympathizes with Bro. Jacob Wade and wife in the loss of their little two-year-old boy. He was a sweet child and all who knew him loved him. We commend the sorrowing hearts to the loving Savior, who alone can comfort them in their bereavement.

"Another hand is beckoning us,  
Another call is given;  
And glows once more with angel steps  
The path which reaches heaven."

### SALISBURY NOTES.

The Kinston church will finish paying the debt which has long hung over them this Fall and will dedicate their splendid house to the worship of God. Kinston is a noble church whose undershepherd is a noble, princely man—leading in every advance movement. He is to be found always on the "firing line" and leading the battle. God bless them all.

The First Baptist Church of Salisbury will enter the main audience room by Christmas, Dr. R. D. Haymore will aid the pastor in a meeting during October. This church has a noble, progressive, consecrated membership. Her women never tire in the work and her men never fail in the hour when the call goes forth. Their house of worship is a modern structure admirably suited to all kinds of church work.

Politics seems now to have many church members bound hand and foot. Be sure not to vote for any man who will oppose the destruction of "still houses" and saloons. Ask him where he stands.

Two true, safe, wise and conservative men will represent the counties in which the Messenger principally circulates, in the Senate. Their names are Hon. D. L. Ward and Hon. Wm. Arendell. Vote for them. They stand right on the saloon question.

Mrs. Samuel Brinson, who has been visiting her mother in Salisbury, returned to her home in New Bern recently. We wish her stay had been longer.

Mrs. Thos. J. Mitchell and the boys who have spent much of the summer here visiting the old home, have returned to the City of Elms beside the Neuse and Trent. Come again. We miss you.

Mr. and Mrs. Richardson, of New Bern, N. C., spent a few days in Salisbury recently as they were returning from the cooling heights about Waynesville and Black Mountain where many New Bernians love to go and refresh their bodies and enrich their souls in communion with nature and nature's God.

Mrs. Matilda Lewis, of New Bern, was a welcome worshipper with us recently. Mrs. Lewis is a pastor's helper. She is the Main Spring of the choir in the First Baptist Church. Come again. You are welcome.

Yours cordially,  
W. H. R.

### TROUBLE AND ITS RESULTS.

Trouble is to us what we make of it. To such as receive it rebelliously and bitterly or who faint beneath it or who harden their hearts under its discipline, it is a savor of death unto death. But those who receive it have only themselves to blame for the result. Its purpose is for quickening, not discouragement; for uplifting, not down-falling; for growing in all that is holy and true and sweet in character, not for degeneration and discouragement.

The noblest men and women are what they are through the discipline and chastening of sorrow and difficulty and even failure. The "refining pot" is for silver and the furnace for tried gold." How true are the words of Jean Paul Richter: "The burden of suffering seems a tombstone round our neck, while in reality it is only the weight which is necessary to keep down the diver while he is hunting for pearls."—Selected.



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