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ALEXANDER H. STEPHENS.

We have just received at this office a beautiful little volume which ought to find its way into every Southern home. It is an excellent sketch of the life of Alexander H. Stephens...

It was with pleasure we attended the quarterly meeting at Russels Creek Church last Saturday and Sunday. Sunday night I preached a large, interesting and well-received congregation.

Monday morning we arose about 4 o'clock and was conveyed to Beaufort by brother M. R. Springle where we took the mail boat for Morehead...

For the FREE-WILL BAPTIST.

A Short Sermon.

BY REV. A. R. BRADBURY, A. M.

TEXT.—John 13: 21. When Jesus had thus said, he was troubled in spirit, and testified, and said, verily, verily I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me.

These words struck the ears of the apostles, like a clap of thunder from a clear sky. They were astonished, amazed, stunned. They could not conceive what the Master said.

Matthew says: They were exceeding sorrowful, and began every one of them to say unto him, Lord, is it I? And he answered, and said, He that dipeth his hand with me in the dish, the same shall betray me.

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God. We must take God at his word. We must believe, and accept of his invitations. We must hear, and obey all his precepts, statutes, commandments, and ordinances of the gospel of the blessed God.

It is said, Satan entered into Judas. Oh when a person is under the control of Satan, he is ready for almost every kind of wickedness. He can swear, lie, steal, take the name of God in vain, break the Holy Sabbath, gamble, drink himself drunk, commit adultery, rob God, commit suicide, murder, yea, murder his own father, mother wife and children.

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What lessons should we learn from Judas' course and conduct. I. We should not allow evil thoughts to enter our minds. The sentinel at the door of our minds, should prevent wicked thoughts from entering.

II. But if evil thoughts do break through all opposition, and enter our minds, they must be strangled on their entrance. They must be put down; they must be checked, throttled, choked down.

III. We must love God supremely. If we do not wish to fall into gross sins, as did Judas. We must love the Lord our God with all our souls, with might and strength.

IV. If we do not wish to run away from God, and betray our master for thirty pices of silver, we must pray. We must run often to the mercy seat and beseech God to keep us, and not allow us to run into sin.

V. Then if we do not want to fall into sin, abandon God, and let Satan enter into us, as he did into Judas, we must exercise more living faith in God.

VI. Finally we must trust God. We must confide in him; put all our interests for time and for eternity into his hands; and he will not suffer Satan to enter our hearts, to control our minds, or even influence us to do wrong; much less to betray our blessed Christ into the power of wicked men, who would condemn him and order him to be crucified.

SKETCH OF A SERMON. BY ELDER HENRY PARKER. TEXT.—Matthew 5. Chap. 14th verse. "Ye are the light of the world."

This subject was spoken by the Saviour in the memorable sermon on the mount, it was addressed to his disciples and followers; He commences by saying, who is the blessed. We must be poor in spirit, to be an heir in the kingdom of heaven.

Let your light shine before men that they may be constrained to glorify God which is in heaven; are you letting that light shine as a faithful guide, or are you becoming careless?

Let your light shine by engaging in the service of God, keeping yourselves from the mormaking of the world and being separate as God requires; hunger and thirst more for righteousness and the Saviour says you shall be filled, keep your lights trimmed and burning as wise virgins, that when the bridegroom comes, we may be prepared to enter in with him at the wedding supper.

The Christians are warned of the trials and tribulations but as they look at their afflictions they must work to be steadfast to the end of death. If our earthly paths were strowed with flowers, and we had all sunshine and no clouds, we would be apt to forget that we are sojourning here only for a season?

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BY A PRACTICAL FARMER. More exercise of the mind would be of vast benefit to most farmers and to their sons.

through life and when we come to die he will not forsake us? His strong arms will be thrown around us, and when we pass through the dark waters he will whisper, 'Is it I? Be not afraid? Our afflictions will all cease, our tears will be wiped away & we can join the angel band, and cast off crowns at Jesus' feet, and cry a loud that lamb was obtained for us!

These people whom the Saviour was addressing is the guide, which we are to follow with that light. He says "ye are the light of the world."

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Brother Bateman united with the Free Will Baptist church at Corinth about the year 1866, and was a consistent member. We look at the grave of our deceased brother and weep, but not as those who have no hope.

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More exercise of the mind would be of vast benefit to most farmers and to their sons. The farm is a very suitable place for study, just where one can observe and reflect upon the course of nature and the process of cultivation; and in order to learn with correctness and satisfaction, something like a regular journal, should be kept, in which both experience and observation can be noted down, then they may to some extent direct future practice.

rejoicing, for every farmer may be assured that he can never exhaust his opportunities for learning something new. Should we accept as true what our ancestors claim to have known about tilling or fertilizing the soil or what books teach upon the subject, even then the matters upon which farmers differ are so numerous, that a life-time is not sufficient for one to settle them all for himself; still it improves his opportunities he will learn a great many things of which he is now entirely ignorant.

The afflictions here which we undergo, shall cease when we reach the other shore. God's hand shall wipe all tears away, There'll be no night, but endless day. MARY P. FERRILL.

OBITUARY.

Died on Goose Creek in Pamlico Co., N. C. the 28 of April 1883 Sister Sally Dooty consort of Thomas Dooty.

Sister Dooty was 69 or 70 years old. She united with the Free-Will Baptists about fifty years ago, and remained a consistent member until her death. She had been afflicted for several years but bore her afflictions with Christian fortitude, she leaves behind a devoted and afflicted husband, who soon will meet her on the other shore, she leaves three sons who have made the good confession, one of her daughters passed over the Jordan of death last fall, and now mother and daughter is on the other shore, around the throne of God.

HOW TO GET RICH.

Nothing is more easy than to get rich. It is only to trust nobody—to befriend none—to get all you can and save all you get—to stint yourself and every one belonging to you to be the friend of no man and have no man to be your friend to heap interest upon interest, cent upon cent to be miserable, despised for some twenty or thirty years and riches will come as sure as disease, disappointment and death.

And when pretty near enough wealth is collected by a diergard of all the charities of the human heart and at the expense of every enjoyment, death will finish the work the body he buried the heirs dance and fight over what you have left and the spirit will go—where? By all means get rich—it will pay.

FROM JOHNSON'S MILLS. Pitt co

DEAR BETTER HEARN—I will endeavor to give you some few hints from our vicinity to show what the farmers are doing. The most of the farmers are plowing up their rice and planting over, the corn and cotton are looking well in some fields considering the cold spring, I hope we all will be blessed with good weather at present.

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I came to the point from which I ought to have started—that fundamental principles should be learned first, and method and systems afterwards. There are principles, like drainage, irrigation, natural, and other wise, tillage, fertilization, rotation of crops, etc., that are indispensable to successful farming. These should be understood by every farmer, and there are ample means for every for learning them.

With a complete knowledge of these the farmer will most likely adopt a course best suited to the conditions and circumstances by which he is surrounded.

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