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EDITORIAL NOTES.

The conference at May's Chapel passed an act that henceforth trafficking on the conference grounds should be forbidden. Timely warning has been served. Will our people be governed by their own decrees or not? It remains to be seen. We are fully convinced that it will be best to stop this great traffic, but why comment. The conference has done it in theory. Will it put its own laws into effect?

There is a timely piece in this issue on giving by Eld. Moore of Kingston. It is proper to give, yet this should be done with a proper motive and where it will do the most good. The word give is heard all along the line. The Bible teaches that we should give. But we should use the very best of judgment in so doing. Let us lay by as God hath prospered us knowing that God will bless us. We can also give of one time and one labor, as well as our money to the Lord.

"The Lord is a very present help in time of need." There is great consolation in these words to God's believing children. (1) The Lord is a help to his people. He is the only source of help. (2) He is a present help. Not one that will help next week or some time, but he is a present help. (3) He is a very present help, showing the great readiness that he manifests in helping his children in all their perplexities. May we ever trust one that is so willing and ready to help.

Send ten cents to this office and get a copy of our church discipline. We as Free Will Baptists should know what is required of us. It seems there are many that do not know what is required of them. Read our articles of faith and if you can not find them, you are not a Free Will Baptist. Study our rules of church government and see if you can conform to the same. Notice each and every clause and see that it is carried out in your church.

We feel sure one grand step has been taken by the Central Conference. This was the resolution, that each church send to the Central Conference an educational fund, to be applied to help educate young men for the ministry.

Every one. Every church ought to send a fair donation for this very much needed very worthy purpose. We ought to go to work trying to raise this fund right off. There is a blank on your church letter calling for this. See that it is filled with a becoming amount. Let us advance in the great work of education.

Evangelist W. H. Frost and his co-worker, M. C. Holland are now at Goldsboro. Bro. Frost has been a mighty instrument in God's hands for the conversion of souls. Hundreds have been blessed under his preaching. No man can do this work that he has done without the aid of the Spirit. Wherever he has gone, the cry of the penitent begging for mercy has been heard and the shout of the Christian has borne witness to the fact that God was blessing his people. Bro. Holland with the power of song, has done a work, the fruits of which eternity alone will tell. Any church or people that have their services will be fortunate.

Bro. Swain introduced a resolution at the last Central Conference favoring harmony. This is right we must harmonize, if we expect to accomplish any great amount of good. In union there is strength. We must be one on the grand truths taught in the Bible. Let us get together all that can and will work for the upbuilding of our cause, which is the cause of Christ. We can not perhaps all agree on every little point. But on fundamental truths we must or we have no foundation. If we have the Spirit we should possess, we can talk over our differences in love, and if convinced that we have been in error, submit and start anew.

What are our people doing about the mission work, we hear but little said. Our conferences passed resolutions favoring the mission work; but, is that to be the last of it. We trust not. We copy from a Central minute. Here is part of what your committee said and the conference adopted it. "We recommend that all the pastors of our churches urge and insist that each member in the bounds of the Central conference give ten cents on an average each year to create a mission fund. Said fund to be used for mission purposes and no other; and that a committee be appointed by the next conference to receive and disburse said fund as they may see best." Now, let us see if we can carry this into effect. Say your church numbers fifty try to raise \$5.00. Not only try but do it.

Miss Meta Early, the assistant principal, did not teach Friday on account of sickness. Miss Mattie McLawhon heard her classes in a very satisfactory manner.

Many who attend school, are not students. They have never learned to study. To make real advancement it is necessary, through study hours, to concentrate the thought on the lesson to the exclusion of everything else. There is no one of sound mind that can become a good scholar, if he will make proper efforts.

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The educational spirit in North Carolina, is rapidly increasing, judging from the number of students in the Colleges and Semmaries, and the many favorable editorials in the Press of the State. "So mote it be."

Teachers of English, are needed in Porto Rico, Hawaii and the Philippine Islands, and with them consecrated ministers of the Gospel, for education without religion, is a bad thing and does harm instead of good.

The Theological class have commenced the study of Homiletics, and are much interested in it. We are trying to make the teaching, in all departments practical and thorough. The class in the English Scriptures has increased to six.

The churches everywhere are calling for educated ministers. The denomination that refuses to prepare its young men to meet this increasing demand, must lose its visibility, and the sooner it does the better it will be for the moral and spiritual condition of the world.

We are glad to notice a marked improvement in the use of language by our students and those associated with them. We try to teach grammar in such a way that those who learn, will avoid, at least, the more common errors in syntax, and we flatter ourselves that we have had fair success, wherever we have taught, in accomplishing this essential result.

Occasionally we are told that learning leavens spirituality, but a moment's reflection will convince anyone that it does not. Luther, Menno Simon, Whitefield, George T. Day, were very learned and yet baptized in the Spirit. The permanance of their work proves that they built wisely. The educated may not make as much ado as some others, but this is no proof that they do not possess the power of the Holy Ghost. The Ohio River flows silently and continuously, but contains much more water than the noisy babbling brook that pours down the hillside into it in the winter, but dries up in the summer.

OHIO NOTES.

Eld. J. M. Hicks is now in the State and writes hopefully of his work as missionary for our board.

Eld. J. H. Spence of Wellton stands ready to go, as missionary to Porto Rico, as soon as his support can be assured. Our brethren ought to respond promptly to the calls for mission funds. The fields are white for the harvest. In many places the grain is wasting for want of reapers.

Eld. Melvin L. Peden, after a successful revival campaign in W. Va., is preaching at Ewington and vicinity. He expects soon to return to Michigan, as he has accepted a call from the Temperance Free Will Baptist Church, and commences his labors the first Sunday in next month.

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I told him that the reading of trashy literature, associated with prayer, only made the matter worse, in my judgment. We are told that nothing moulds the mind like a book, and such being the fact, why not read from the Book of books, and then there can be no question as to whether it is wrong to read a lesson after surrounding our tables whereon are spread the fruits of the earth, so necessary for the sustenance of our mortal bodies. I know a brother who for seven months would read the Sunday-school lesson at his breakfast table each morning of the week, and then, while eating, the father, mother and children would talk on the lesson, and in so doing created quite an interest among the little folks, which, we believe, was as healthful for them physically and much more spiritually, than the reading of a whole volume of comic stories each morning. The same brother has read the entire New Testament through at his table, besides reading over four hundred chapters from the Old Testament in the same manner.

Perhaps some one may say, "My children are too restless and indifferent to justify me to attempt to pursue such a course." While it may require a little time, mixed with considerable patience, to bring the children in line with this practice, we should ever remember that where there is a will there is a way. For instance, the little folks

REVIVAL AT WATERY BRANCH.

The wave of God's reviving power has just swept over the dear Christians at old Watery Branch, Wayne Co., N. C. The weather was so much against us. There were only two or three days in which we could work, the rest of the time it was either raining, snowing or freezing. But thanks be to God who gave us the victory over sin. There were about 15 precious souls converted and reclaimed, five for baptism, and one preacher cast his lot with us. He will be of great service to the Lord's flock. We say to him: "Study to show thyself approved of God." The church was so wonderfully revived, that the truth planted in Zion will last until Jesus comes. We were assisted by Elder G. W. Davis. He is a hard worker for God and the people love Elder George. We visited him a great deal during the meeting. We found his dear home just filled with the love of God. God bless him and his dear family. Bro. Bagley was with us some in the meeting. He is a hard worker for the cause. The pastor, Bro. Tyson, was not with us; but I am sure he would have had the weather been so he could have gone. We pray God's blessings upon him with his noble work. Our home was at Bro. J. F. Coley's. They were just as kind to us as we could ask for a people to be. We have many good friends at Watery Branch and in the surrounding country. We are now at the writing of this article (March) in Goldsboro, waiting for the weather to open so we can work. All who want to write me can address Goldsboro, N. C. Yours truly, W. H. Frost.

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TEMPERANCE.

O Lord! how long shall Christians continue to support by their silence and halts, the greatest form of slavery now known in America? Will the Christian force act as a unit against the saloon, or will it be divided on account of its business interests. Surely there is not any Christian people in our country, who are not willing to use their influence in every possible way to get this degrading evil out of our land. It is a fact that the saloon element, is cowardly and easily frightened in spite of its lowliness and corruption. O that people could fully realize that a festering sore the saloon is! How it whirls its almost innumerable victims, many of whom once raked with the most refined and fluted people of our land to graves of dishonor and eternal ruin, does it seem possible that our country is full of Christian people, sturdy the Christians and lovers of right cannot conscientiously vote to license these causes of crime and death. The question to be answered is this: Is this measure in accordance with the spirit and teachings of Jesus as the author of the greatest standard of life known to men? What of the poor creature surrounded by the sting of drink, who should begin to feel the joy of deliverance from sin, the environment does have a good deal to do with the character. This horrible den, the rum-saloon, like some deadly viper is continually hissing and coiling ready to strike its poison into some poor unguarded victim. Let all the Christian people as uncommitted bond ever be awake with zeal and earnestness forever fighting against this corruptible evil that exists in our land, let us get more enthused with the cause, surely the most heart-rendering scenes originate from the reason of sin, how many homes that are wrecked and aching on account of it, when other souls would be saved by a simple table. Let us get fully committed and ever more our hearts engaged to the cause, knowing that we will hear and bear in this cause. Young folks be never

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may become interested by telling them that you desire to read a lesson for their special benefit, from the best book on earth, and while reading keep an eye on them as much as possible. Little folks are like a good many big folks, they highly appreciate special notice and attention. May we not only live up to our privileges, but fully discharge the whole duty we owe to God and man!

TEMPTATION.

Our Lord's temptation shows. First—That there is a profound distinction between temptation and sin. The nearer we get to God the more fiercely will the powers of darkness assault us. Second—The agent in all temptation is the devil. He finds within us that which responds to his temptations, but he is the agent in all cases. Third—The point of assault in temptation is some point of weakness in our natures. The favorite device of the devil is to induce us to gratify a lawful desire in an unlawful way. Fourth—The aim in every temptation is to turn you aside from the will of God. Waa ever the form of the temptation, this is its essence. Fifth—If Jesus Christ overcome. The great aim of the adversary is to discourage us in the struggle. Jesus Christ meeting him as man pure and holy, and in absolute dependence upon God, overcame him, and won the victory not only for himself, but for his people. The Christian has three great adversaries—self, evil-temptations, and Satan. From these are all possible temptations, but the hand of God is over him in the power of God's strength and the presence of God on every side of him.—G. H. C. McGregor

loose a good opportunity of using influence upon those of our acquaintances who are inclined to yield to this great tempter, we should be in great sympathy with them ever sympathizing gently on the subject, let us not get weary and discouraged in the fight, what a grand and glorious victory it would be if we could succeed in getting intoxicants out of our country, all things are possible with the Lord. "Win is a mocker, and who ever is deceived thereby is not wise." Prov. 20: 1. BEULAH SWINDELL.

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