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A Mother's Prayer.

Mrs. M. M. Poo's, a constant reader of The Christian Herald, kindly sends this beautiful poem, which she thinks mothers might like to place in their boys' Bibles. I remember reading the poem myself a long time ago, and I am glad to see it again, and very glad to insert it on this page.

Remember love, who gave you this,
 When other days shall come,
 When she who had thy earliest kiss
 Sleeps in her narrow home;
 Remember 'twas the mother gave
 The gift to one she'd die to save.

The mother sought a pledge of love,
 The holiest for her son:
 And from the gifts from God above,
 She chose a goodly one.
 She chose for her beloved boy,
 "The Source of light, of life, of joy."

And bade him keep the gift, that when
 The parting hour would come,
 They might have hope to meet again
 In that eternal home.
 She said his faith in that would be
 Sweet incense to her memory.

A parent's blessing on her son
 Goes with this holy thing:
 The heart that would retain the one
 Must to the other cling.
 Remember 'tis no idle toy,
 A mother's gift—remember boy,
 —The Christian Herald.

UNION MEETING.

The union meeting of the fourth district of the Cape Fear Conference, met with the church at Johnston's Union, Johnson Co., N. C., Dec. 29th, 1905.

Eld. D. R. Stafford, who was elected at the last union to preach the introductory was present, and preached from the 2nd chapter of Colossians and ninth verse.

LIST OF OFFICERS.

Moderator—W. H. Averá;
 Secretary—M. F. Blackman;
 Treasurer—D. R. Stafford.

MINISTERS PRESENT.

Elds. W. H. Averá, J. F. Hill, D. R. Stafford, J. M. Langdon, J. S. Ellis and J. W. Moore.

The list of churches and delegates are as follows:
 Bizzell's Grove—By letter, \$1.00; Casey's Chapel—\$1.00; Fort Run—\$1.00; Pittman's X Roads—Not represented; St. John—By letter, 50c; New Zealand—J. N. Barefoot, \$1.10; Wood's Grove—F. P. Bartlett, \$1.00; Piney Grove—W. J. Stanley, 50c; Bethel—E. M. Temples, 50c; Johnson Union—J. L. Averá, \$1.05; River Side—By letter, 75c; Yelvington's Grove—Not represented; Hope Well—By letter, 50c; Johnson's Chapel—Not represented; New Chapel—J. M. Corbett, 50c; L. Chapel—Not represented; New Hope—By letter, 50c.

The moderator appointed committees as follows:
 On Religious Exercises—S. C. Turnage and J. B. Davis.
 On Temperance—J. F. Hill and F. P. Bartlett.
 On Sabbath Schools—J. N. Barefoot and J. M. Corbett.
 Committee on religious exercises report to preach tomorrow at 11 o'clock, Eld. J. F. Hill.

On motion, the union adjourn to meet tomorrow at 9:30 o'clock.

SATURDAY MORNING.
 The union met Saturday morning according to adjournment.
 The meeting was called to order by the moderator.
 The devotional exercises was conducted by Eld. J. H. Hill.
 Minutes of yesterday read and approved.
 The committees make the

following reports:
TEMPERANCE—We your committee on temperance beg leave to make the following report: We find as a church, our people are making strong efforts, and lending their aid to help stamp out the curse of strong drink. We endorse the action of our Governor, Hon. R. B. Glenn, and all other officers who are taking a stand against this great evil.

Respectfully Submitted,
 J. F. HILL,
 F. P. BARTLETT,
 Committee.

SABBATH SCHOOLS—We your committee on S. S. beg leave to make the following report. We are deeply in sympathy with the Sunday School cause, realizing it is a work of God and a great nursery to the church, and that which pertains to the upbuilding of the country, especially the rising generation. We find on investigation that several of our churches have good active Sunday Schools, while others have none, hence we urge upon all our preachers, to preach and press the S. S. cause, and its benefits upon all their congregations. We recommend the steps taken by the Union Conference, held at the church at Pleasant Grove, Wayne Co., N. C., and urge that our union meeting take steps to meet the demands of said work, provide the sinking fund necessary to get our own literature. We recommend that our churches look well to the securing of good spirit filled officers and teachers as leaders of the S. S. cause.

Respectfully Submitted,
 J. N. BAREFOOT,
 J. M. CORBITT,
 Committee.

The union adjourned one and a half hour for preaching and dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.
 The house was called to order by the moderator.
 The committee on religious exercises report to preach to-night at 9:30 o'clock, Eld. J. M. Langdon. Tomorrow at 11 o'clock, Eld. D. R. Stafford to open and Eld. W. H. Averá preach.

S. C. TURNAGE,
 J. R. DAVIS,
 Committee.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.
 We the committee on finance beg leave to submit the following report, viz: We find in the hands of the treasurer from last union, \$30.17. Rec. at this union, \$9.90. Total, \$40.07.

Wood's Grove Church petitions for the next union, and the next union meeting will be held there.

Eld. J. M. Langdon is elected to preach the introductory, and Eld. J. S. Ellis is his alternate.

On motion, we pay to Bro. W. H. Pool \$15.00, on New Chapel Church.
 On motion, we pay the secretary \$2.50 for his services, during this meeting.
 On motion, a vote of thanks be tendered the community for the kind hospitality shown them during the sitting of this body. There being no

other business, the union adjourned to meet with the church at Wood's Grove, Wayne Co., N. C., Friday night before the fifth Sunday in April, 1906.

W. H. AVERA, Mod;
 M. F. BLACKMAN, Sec.

MEETING AT UNION CHURCH.

DEAR BAPTIST: The meeting at Union Church Cephas station of which we wrote some two weeks ago, has closed. With much regret did the brethren see the meeting come to a close, on account of the interest shown through out the whole meeting. Bro. Turner had wonderful success. He came to the brethren a stranger, and they took him in, and the good book tells us not to turn away the stranger, but to take him in.

Well, they took him in, and tried him, and he proved himself worthy. The dear old church had not had a real old fashioned revival, for some time, and had grown somewhat cold, and he came in, went to work and revived them, the result was that 22 new members were added to the church, and put the old ship of Zion on her voyage again. Now she is sailing toward the glory land with soldiers aboard who are fully equipped for the battle, and stand ready to do the work. We are looking forward to the quarterly meeting which will be held there on Feb 24 as one of the old time quarterly meetings that they used to have in olden days.

Brethren pray for us.
 L. HOBSTETTER,
 Cor. Sec. of Sciotoville Yearly meeting.

ORGANIZATION FIRST.

In response to brother T. G. Harvey's letter, please allow me to say; we are organized but not thoroughly. Our General Conference did its work by appointing officers and a missionary committee; the committee has appointed five National Evangelists, and they are in the field, hard at work. So far our organization is complete. Now let the preachers take up the work and organize a missionary society in every church and Sunday School. Our organization will then be complete. But that will not make the machinery efficient. The engine gets its power from the boiler, and the boiler gets its power from the fire and water.

Our committee is the engine—all ready for action—waiting for the power from the church. Turn on the power send in the contributions, and see how grandly the engine will do its work. I have observed that those denominations that appoint a missionary agent, whose business it is to see after this work exclusively, are the most successful in their missionary work.

I am in favor of putting a man in the field. Let him go to all our churches, talk missions, organize missionary societies, and appoint local

missionary agents. I believe this will make our machinery effective.

Our National Evangelist system is too cumbersome to be an efficient missionary force. We are not supposed to raise money we are expected to spend money. Put a man in the field to raise money. Put a man in the field to raise money for us, and then we can do something. We have this system on foot in this section, and it bids fair to do well. Come to the mass meeting at Huntington, Aug. 9-19, and we will discuss all the methods.

DELL UPTON,
 Waterloo, W. Va.

FROM REV. E. L. STCLAIRE

DEAR BRETHREN:—I noticed in the BAPTIST some time ago, an article by Eld. Dell Upton, in which he says that our brethren of Sciotoville, Ohio, have been robbed of their church property, by the "Free Baptist." That they have entered suit to try the rights of property. They appeal to us for aid. Will we pass it by unheeded? God forbid. I have had some correspondence with our brethren and sisters in Ohio. In fact my advice has been asked, and I advised them to enter suit. 10 cents from each reader of the BAPTIST, would almost pay the expenses. Let's rally to the support of our brethren. This will be a test case. If we gain it we will gain all of our churches, colleges and other property, which means lots for us. Let's push the case, all are interested in it. I am very poor, but wife and I will send something as soon as I get it. Brethren, if we let these Free Baptist rob us, and do nothing, we will soon become a prey to others. These Free Baptist are too free with other people's things. I like freedom, but when it amounts to robbery, it suits me too well.

It must have been a Free Baptist that entered my house last Saturday and stole my pants—I mean my Sunday pants and \$28.75. Baptism means to go in and come out. Can't you see the fellow went in and came out of my house, and made free to carry out my Sunday pants and money? So you see it is a plain case. "He was a Free Baptist," for he acted like one. These people stole into our ranks. We baptized them, they become dissatisfied, so when they left they steal or take our property. Shall we quietly surrender? No! "Quit you like men, and to the rescue."

Send all contributions to Miss Laura Hobstetter, Sciotoville, Ohio. STCLAIRE, Edison, Ga.

ALL FOR THE BEST.

A traveler, during a dark and tempestuous night, had fallen into a ditch by the wayside. He was very anxious to reach home, from which he had been absent for a long time. He had been abroad, in a foreign country and was returning with the fruits of his industry. When

he had almost reached home he was overtaken by a storm of wind and rain. Darkness increased, he cannot see his way before him, the road is washed in gullies, he stumbles very often and falls, he has broken his leg so that he can proceed no farther on his journey. The poor man in the ditch, his leg broken, bemoans his fate. His wife and children are expecting him; this very night. They trim the mid-night lamp, and anxiously await his arrival. He came not and as they hear the howling winds, and driving tempest without, they are filled with direful apprehension. The disabled man in the ditch is ready to exclaim "All these things are against me." He is tempted, perhaps, to murmur against Providence, when he was at the point of reaping the reward of a long journey of toil and privation to be thus thrust back when upon the threshold of realization of his hopes, and to be thrown groaning into a ditch. But wait awhile and it will be seen it is all for the best. When the morning light appears the dismal traveler is filled with joy and gratitude at his wonderful deliverance. Had he proceeded a few rods or feet further on his journey, he would have fallen from the bridge, sunk and perished in the foaming flood beneath. When upon the brink of destruction, a kind Providence, turns his feet aside, and prevents his moving from a place of safety. His family also are kindly cared for, and preserved. That very night a plan was to be put into execution to rob and perhaps murder the inmates, but the mid-night lamp showed that the Master of the house had not arrived, with the expected treasure.

We doubtless are preserved from many dangers unseen, by what are termed the mishaps of life. Let us not deny the truth of the proverb, because we see so many good men live in suffering, and die unrelieved, and so many bad men arrive at the summit of wealth, and outward prosperity.

By looking forward to another life we discover its full meaning. Our trials and troubles here will only make us richer there. Even here we often find the trials of life are like the bracing wintry winds which invigorate our frame, or like the fire that tries the gold.

Let us therefore, persevere our onward way, like Bunyan's Pilgrim, through the mire of the slough of despondency, and up the hill of difficulties, or down the valley of humiliation, with courage, confidence and submission. Let us confide in the wisdom that is above us. Whatever may befall us, or whatever affliction may attend us, they will if rightly met prove but blessings in disguise, and if not here, we shall hereafter, see that they were all for the best.

Your Servant in Christ,
 J. T. BUNDY.

A LETTER FROM BELHAVEN.

Dear brothers and Sisters:—As it has been about a year since I have communicated with you through the dear old FREE WILL BAPTIST—I will endeavor to write again in behalf of a Free Will Baptist church at Belhaven. I want to impress it indelibly upon your minds, dear readers, that we need a church here and it is strictly necessary to make this a mission point. Just think! there are near 2000 inhabitants in this town and I believe I would be safe in saying that two thirds of them have never heard the Free Will Baptist doctrine expounded. There are enough Free Will Baptists here already to organize a church; and let us remember that delays are dangerous; for while there is an opening here now for a prosperous organization we are likely to lose grounds all the while as there is no such thing as a still in religious work. We must either move forward or fall backward. There are a good many desirable churches here, which might be bought now at a reasonable price, but the value of lots is increasing all the while, so why not begin now to establish our doctrine here ere we are wholly supplanted by those who have already planted churches and are executing every effort possible to gain stronger grounds? Now, I want to again invoke the union meetings and missionary societies, to take this matter in hand and look after a church lot here at once—also an organization. If we had a lot there are many ways by which we few members, who reside here might aid in erecting a church, but it is an embarrassing circumstance to begin to look after the purchase of a lot with nothing to back it up. I fully believe that if the churches at large in Eastern Carolina, would unite their efforts we would soon have an organization and a house of worship of which we might feel proud. I, for one, am willing and anxious to go to work, with a will and truly hope hope this feeling will penetrate the heart of every true Free Will Baptist.

There is another point I wish to mention. This is with regard to Sunday School literature. Is it possible that we must always be in the rear? Let us blend our efforts on this point and devise some means by which to have our S. S. literature published. If we are fortunate enough to get a church here—I intend that we shall have a live Sunday School, God helping me, and I am opposed to using any literature, except that produced by our own press. Let each pastor assess his members a certain amt. each month for this purpose if no better means can be adopted. Trusting that what I have written, may take root and sink deep into the minds and hearts of those who scan these lines.

Yours for God's Service,
 GRACE BRINSON CONNOR.

Town Directory.

CHURCHES.
 Free Will Baptist, services every 4th Sunday at 11 o'clock, and at night, Elder E. T. Phillips pastor. Prayer meeting every Friday night. Sunday school every Sunday morning at 9:30 o'clock, Prof. T. E. Peden, Sup't. Amphibition Society meets every Tuesday night.
 Missionary Baptist Church, services every 2nd Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m., and at night, Rev. T. H. King, pastor. Sunday school 3:30 p. m., W. C. Jackson, Sup't.
 M. E. Church South, services every 3rd Sunday at 11 o'clock, a. m., and at night. Rev. Stanford pastor. Sunday school at 8 o'clock, P. M., W. M. Edwards, Sup't.
 Christian Church, services every 1st and 3rd Sunday at 11 o'clock, a. m., and at night. Rev. W. E. Cox, pastor. Sunday school at 10 o'clock, A. M., E. B. Brown, Sup't. Ladies Auxiliary meets every 3rd Sunday evening at 8 o'clock.
 St. James' Episcopal church, services every 4th Sunday, except months containing five Sundays, then on fifth Sunday. Rev. W. E. Cox, Greenville, N. C., rector. Sunday School every Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, E. G. Cox, Sup't.

LODGES.
 A. F. A. M. meets every first and third Thursdays, R. W. Smith, W. M.
 I. O. O. F. meets every Monday night at 8 o'clock. Dora Lodge of Hebechah meets every Friday night at 8 o'clock.
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 Eld. R. C. Richards, National Evangelist, Joplin, Mo.
 Eld. H. P. Wogan, National Evangelist, Bismarck, N. D.
 Eld. Dell Upton, National Evangelist, Waterloo, W. Va.
 E. E. Dail, Treas. Free Will Baptist Theological Seminary, Winterville, N. C.

The situation in China is not at all satisfactory to America. Outrages and pretty annoyances by the Chinese against the lives and property of Americans are frequent. It is believed by some who study the situation in the East, that Japan is secretly at work in China and is behind these disturbances—Ex.