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EDUCATIONAL NOTES.

We are sorry we cannot attend the Commencement of the A. and M. College, at Raleigh per their kind invitation, but our own work makes it impossible.

Superintendent, J. A. McArthur attended and conducted chapel one day last week. His remarks were well put and timely. We desire his presence whenever he can possibly give it.

Guilford College has recently received a large donation. We are glad of it and are patiently waiting for a similar fortune to come to the Seminary. Let all pray for it earnestly.

The Advocates of Christian Fidelity will hold their Anniversary Wednesday, May 29, at 7:30 p. m. Address by Prof. A. R. Flowers, late Principal of Beulah High School. Subject, The Demands and Changes.

Our Normal, or Teachers' Training Department, has sent a large number of thoroughly prepared instructors who are succeeding well in their profession as all reports show. We have a goodly number more who will soon be ready for efficient work.

The Anniversary of the Amphictyon Literary Society, will be held, in the Seminary, Tuesday, May 28, at 7:30 p. m. The Address will be delivered by Eld. J. E. Ayscue, pastor of the Baptist Church in Greenville. Subject, The Need of Educated Men in North Carolina.

Every friend of the Seminary, should go to work in earnest for the Fall term of School, commencing, August 26. We had students from five States, within the past year. It should be from forty six, if Oklahoma becomes a state, the coming year and all the territories and possessions of our country.

The Annual Address will be delivered by Hon. F. A. Woodard of Wilson, Thursday May 30th, at 1:30 p. m. Contest, General and Graduating exercises of the Seminary. Thursday, May 30, at 7:30, p. m. The Medal presented by Miss Lullie Cox will be presented to the student having the best original oration per the decision of three competent Judges.

Associations, Conferences, and Yearly Meetings that do not report to the Triennial General Conference are not regarded as a part of the denomination, or of any other. It would be better for the cause of Christianity if they did not exist, for they are not counted anywhere. They do not come up to the help of the Lord against the curse of Meror rests upon them. A true Free Will Baptist always answers at roll call and is ready for work. In fact he is at work.

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SACRAMENT.

DEAR EDITOR:—As I have never written to the BAPTIST, I will write a few lines on the importance of the sacrament. There are various causes for the loss of the spirit, and decrease of faith among the christians. Adultery, lust, murmuring against denominations, neglect of prayer, and other duties. But there is perhaps no single cause more frequently productive of these evil consequences than the partaking of the sacrament, by the so called christians, while in possession of a wrong feeling and spirit. To commit adultery, every one who has had any experience or understanding of the work of God, will inevitably result, unless speedily and sincerely repented of in the apostacy of the adulterer. So, also, in the commission of other sins, through the denial of the faith by the one thus sinning, might not follow the sinful act so quickly as in the other instances. But the partaking of the Lord's supper appears almost to be so important in the estimation of some, (probably through partaking of it often) that they think it a matter of no consequence whatever, whether they are at that time filled with love to God and their brethren, or filled with enmity, whether they eat and drink in remembrance of the Lord, or whether his death and sufferings are never thought about by them. The eating of a piece of bread, or the drinking of a little wine, under ordinary circumstances might not be expected to excite any particular emotions in those thus partaking, but it is nothing less than solemn mockery, for men and women professed followers of the Lord Jesus to assemble together and unite in a prayer to have the bread, and the contents of the cup, blessed and sanctified to their souls, and then eat and drink with feelings of enmity in their bosoms to some one or more individuals of the same faith and hope with themselves, and in total forgetfulness of their Lord and his precepts. No individual, whether officer or member can pursue a course of this kind and escape condemnation. Such also was Paul's faith in ancient days, for he wrote to the Corinthian branches of the church, that in consequence of their partaking of the Lord's supper unworthily, many were weak and sickly among them and many had slept.

The Lord Jesus himself attaches so much importance to the sacrament, that he has commanded his servants, not to knowingly suffer any one to partake of his flesh and blood unworthily, when they shall minister it. They are required to forbid such, because they who eat his flesh and drink damnation to their souls. This places the ministers under solemn obligations to see that iniquity does not exist among the members, for iniquity of any kind, would render whosoever practiced it unworthily of this ordinance. If there are feelings of enmity in the bosom of one against another, if there is evil speaking one of another, those harboring such feelings, those giving utterance to such sentiments, cannot partake of the Lord's supper without incurring his displeasure. Entering such a spirit and such feelings causes them to be un-

worthy, and they have need of repentance. Those who eat the flesh and drink the blood of the Lord, should always remember him, and should be filled with perfect love for him and for their brethren, and upon no other principle, can they expect to have his spirit with them. The minister who is called upon to administer the sacrament, calls upon the Father according to the pattern given by the Lord. Those joining this prayer after asking him to bless and sanctify what they are about to partake of, to the souls of all, that they may partake of it in remembrance of the body and blood of his Son Jesus Christ, should always remember him and keep his commandments which he has given them, that they may always have his spirit to be with them. Amen.

Those partaking of the sacrament, and not doing as they have promised, when uniting with the church, have lied to the Lord.

M. S. HARDEE.
Greenville, N. C.

SPEAK WITH SIMPLICITY.

DEAR EDITOR:—I will try to pen a few more lines tonight. I have just read the BAPTIST and feel a desire to come out again. I see two letters from Tex. I am not acquainted with either writer, though I would like very much to correspond with them. I see many good letters in the paper and love to read them, yet some of them seem to me, are not clear enough. I think we should all speak clear and plain, yet in simplicity. I have been reading some of the pieces on baptism, and it seems to me that it has all been to no profit. I have read much about our ministers quitting the denomination, to preach for others. Some because the church is not supporting them. I am at a loss to see what is the matter. The Lord has commanded us to go and preach, repentance and forgiveness of sins, and to baptize them, and to teach them to observe all things, whatsoever he has taught us, and saith he, "Lo I am with you always, even unto the end." Now, if he has sent us and we are relying on his promises, and have failed to get the necessary support, let us examine ourselves. Have we taught the word as we ought? If we have, and then we are forced out of the ministry, what is the matter? Has the Lord failed to keep his promises? No, a thousand times no, for he has said, "I will never forsake thee." No, it cannot be laid to a failure on His part. Now, I want to say this, salvation is free. The Gospel which is the water of life is free, the spirit, which is life was freely given, all these are free gifts that we should love better than this life, are all there is in it, cost more than this world can give. It cost Heaven its brightest jewel, it cost our blessed Lord the riches of heaven, which he must needs give up for a time. It cost him a life of suffering and poverty, the awful death on the cross. He hath said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Look oh, my brother, look now at him who gave all even to his life for us, see him made the Redeemer of man; yea, the giver of life, the Judge of the world, and now hath all power in Heaven and on earth, and hath committed unto us his Gospel, whereby we are saved

if we continue steadfast unto the end. He hath commanded us to go and preach this gospel of good tidings to every creature. He also said, "Freely ye have received, freely give." Does this not apply to every one? Let us go back awhile and view the past. While all this was being done for us there was other work going on. The great enemy, that old serpent, the Devil, was at work trying to destroy the works of the Lord. He never has lost an opportunity to persecute him and his followers, and is still at work. He is saying to God's ministers, "I wouldn't preach unless the people would give me so much, why you could make more money at most anything else than preaching, and money counts." He doesn't stop here either, he is whispering to Christians, "Salvation is free, money is scarce, and it is the preachers duty to preach." The Apostle tells us that he that preacheth the gospel, shall live of the gospel. Brethren, we ought to give liberally to the ministry, that the word be not hindered. Suppose we withhold the means God has given us and the ministry is hindered, have we not impoverished our selves? Let us give liberally of all we have knowing our labor is not in vain, for we shall reap if we faint not. As a man soweth, so shall he reap. Again he says, "I go to prepare a place for you." Let us sow here, and reap over there, for our treasurers are laid up above. I know some of the hardships and trials of a minister, but if we will suffer with him, we shall reign with him. It may be in your power to help the minister and thereby save some lost soul, then let us freely give, and at that day receive a glittering crown. May his spirit stir all to do their best for his cause.

Yours for the master,
D. D. BAGGETT.
Fisher, Tex.

SOUTH (GA.) TRIP.

BRO. EDITOR:—I am back once more in the land of flowers. I visited some of the churches in South Ga. Association on the 5th Sunday and Saturday before in March. It was my pleasure to be at Philadelphia church, there I met Eld. E. L. St. Claire he preached us two or three of his best sermons, and he was called to the little town of Folkston, at night to preach a sermon on Pithaism, the boys said it was grand. I filled his place at the church at 3 o'clock, and then the writer was carried down on the Okefonokee Swamp where I spent several days with old Bro. J. Mysell. On the 4th of April I united his youngest daughter to Mr. Stewart, from Waycross in the holy bonds of matrimony. I then held services for the brethren on the 1st Sunday in April at the church. Then I left for Jesup where I remained a few days. From there I visited the brethren at Alabama church. We had a very good meeting and here I met Eld. C. Butler, he being the pastor of this church, he was full of the spirit as usual. The weather was cool and blustry. At the close of the meeting at that place, I next visited Corinth church, where we had another very interesting meeting. From there I visited Baxley where I spent a few days with Rev. H. W. Reins and family. He is a good man, and has a noble hearted

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wife, who did all for our comfort that was necessary, to make one feel comfortable and happy. On Saturday morning Bro. Reins and I went to old Bethel church, and Bro. Reins preached for us on Saturday night, and gave us one of his best efforts. The writer preached a funeral sermon on Sunday to a very large and attentive congregation. Rev. J. A. Tompson preached for them at night, and closed up the services, which I hope will prove a lasting blessing to all. Well, while it was my privilege to be permitted to live to see my dear brethren once more, I learned many things, some for the betterment of the cause, while some things were heart rendering to me. I learned that the South Ga. will split this fall on account of the territory, it is so large that the churches fail to be represented in the association. This I believe to be a very good move, then each association will work up her own territory to a better advantage. I also learn that several churches are about to dissolve on account of the want of a pastor. This is hurtful to me. Some of these churches I have labored very hard for, and I have seen large crowds and hearts made happy, and now, to see Zion dropping, and her colors trailing in the dust, is heart rending. I can't see any use of this, why the preacher is so thrifty to scour the country over, to get up new churches, neglect the old ones, and let them drift back into the world. I don't think this is doing right. Well, I reckon I have said enough for this time in that direction, but would like to say to the dear brethren at Philadelphia church, persevere, build the church that you have now in contemplation, then you will feel so much better. Many thanks for your kindness to me, also to the dear brethren at the Alabama and Corinth, may the dear Lord ever bless you is my prayer. Lastly comes the dear old Bethel, with her host of membership. Dear brethren, fight on, stand by your Sunday School and the God of peace will ever bless you.

A word now to the churches that expect to pull off from the South Ga. Association and form a new association. Any advice or aid I can give you, remember I am at your service at any time, just write me at Live Oak, Fla., H. F. D. I will help you in any of your protracted meetings during the summer months if needed. May the Lord crown your efforts with success, is the prayers of an aged Bro. Let us lay aside all subjects when writing to our paper, that would cause friction, or controversy, and write about

our home beyond, and the Savior who died for all.
REV. W. T. E. PUTLER,
Live Oak, Fla.

WAYNE QUARTERLY MEETING.

Wayne Q. M. met 1st Saturday and Sunday in May, 1907, at W. Va. Home. Eld. Bartrum preached the introductory sermon, Sol. 5: 3. Eld. Bartum was elected moderator, and led in prayer. Met at 2 o'clock p. m. Saturday and proceeded to business. Visiting brethren and corresponding messengers invited to seats with us. Report from executive committee received. Letters from East Lynn, Christian Home, Jackson Branch and Long Branch, read and received. Verbal reports from Elizabeth and W. Va. Home, received.

Movement carried that we look after the negligent ministers. Committee, Rev. W. Borders, Joe Bartrum and Juo. Moore. Report from the preachers is as follows:

Juo. Moore, preached 26 times, received 11, visited the sick 5, baptized 5, and received \$17.00.

Eld. Bartrum, preached 6 times, received one, prayer meetings 5.

N. Borders, preached eight times, visited the sick four times, received \$4.00.

James Horey, preached 13 times, baptized one, received two, received \$5.00.

Eld. Roe, preached 12 times, prayer meeting 5, visited the sick 7 times.

Eld. Richardson, preached 26, received two, received \$60.

Committee on supply of the pulpit, were Bro. Tilden, Parson, Sam Moore, and Jas. Music.

They appointed Rev. N. Borders to preach Saturday night and Rev. Bartrum to follow.

Rev. Moore to preach Sunday morning, and Rev. Jas. Horey to follow.

Rev. N. Borders, conducted class meeting. Received one member from the United Baptist.

Thus closed another good quarterly meeting.
REV. BARTRUM, Mod;
N. BORDERS, Sec., pro temp.

WANTS INFORMATION.

Brethren, please tell me what tree of life is mentioned in Gen. 3:22, also the flaming sword, and cherubim that was placed at the gate of the garden of Eden.

W. H. BAILEY.
Cast aside your doubts. Doubts open the door of unbelief and pave the way for a failure. They rob you of confidence in God and destroy your faith.