

HICKORY CHAPEL NEWS.

DEAR EDITOR:—By the kind solicitation of some of the dear brethren of Hickory Chapel, I have been induced to write a few lines with reference to the Sunday School and its work as their Supt., and feeling that it might be of interest to you as well as to the readers of your valuable paper, I ask for space in its columns, that I may say a few things. Since the school was organized (which was about the middle of Jan.) we have been and are continually growing in numbers, and what is better still I am glad to say, many of our hearts are made to rejoice at the deep interest that is being manifested in the study of God's word, by both old and young. It has been my privilege at this place before, as well as at other places, to put forth an humble effort to superintend the great work of the Sabbath School, and while I've had great cause to rejoice and praise God for the interest manifested, I know of no time for greater cause of rejoicing than at the present. It would have done your soul good to have been present on last Sunday the 26 and witnessed the hearty and liberal response of the school to an appeal made by their Supt., for help in behalf of the poor famishing Chinese. The weather being bad our ranks were thin by an absence of nearly one third, yet after a few moments of comment on the words of our Master as recorded in Mathew 25: 31-46. It was simply easy for us to receive in contributions, \$10.51. Some of the dear brethren came to me and exclaimed, oh! how easy it is for us to do something for God when our hearts are right. Yes, yes we find it easy to accomplish great things for God in this world when our lives are in accord with his will, without which we can do nothing, for in John 15: 4. We hear him say, "Abide in me and I in you, as the branch cannot bear fruit of itself except it abide in the vine, no more can ye, except ye abide in me."

Now for fear of being too lengthy and consuming too much space, permit me to say in conclusion, that God's name is being honored and glorified in our work and we are being abundantly blest. So much for the work of the Sunday School at Hickory Chapel.

Yours for Christ,
B. F. BARHAM, Supt.

UNION MEETING IN ALA.

The following is the program of the union meeting to be held with Howard's Grove church, in Houston Co., Ala., which will meet on Friday and Saturday before the 4th Sunday in July, 1907.

PROGRAM.

- 1. Will not our denomination be advanced more rapidly by having an Educated Ministry?
2. What should be the qualifications of those set apart to the ministry in our denomination?
3. What should be the qualification of those sent to our religious schools to be educated for the ministry?
4. Why is it necessary to have religious schools?

5. Define the difference between Christians and Religious Schools?
6. What is the true relationship of the church to ward the family?
7. What is the true relationship of the church to ward the Sunday Schools?
8. What is the true relationship of the church to ward the State?
9. What is the cause of interperance, and what is the cure?
10. By what means can the question of Home Missions be stimulated?
11. Is it not the duty of the church to send the Gospel?
12. What is the relationship of the church toward the association?
13. What is the purpose of the union meeting, and can it not be used to good in advancing the cause of Christ?

What is the relationship of the member toward his church?

JEFFERSON D. STEPHENS, H. SPURGEON CHERRY, J. I. HATCHER, G. W. CHERRY, Committee.

FROM A LITTLE GIRL.

DEAR BRO. PHILLIPS:—Owing to the fact, that I have never written to the BAPTIST, if you will allow me, I will endeavour to write a few lines. I am a F. W. B. and have been trying to serve Jesus for nearly three years, and I feel that I love him more and more each day, and that I will do more for the upbuilding of his kingdom in the future than I have in the past. Let us all love and obey Christ, who came and died, that we might live. Boys and girls, obey your parents, do what they tell you to do, for when they are gone you will find no others like them. Christ loves children who obey their parents, and as we draw nearer and nearer, to that celestial clime, our hearts are made to rejoice, to know that we shall soon be able to enjoy that rest. He will give us that which is best in life, and help us on our journey, and if we allow him he will lead us safely home. It pays to be true to Jesus for we can see how God cares for his children. He gives us good spiritual gifts, and provides all things needful. May each of us strive to do more for Jesus in the future, than we have in the past.

Yours in Jesus name,
SADIE DANIEL,
Snow Hill, N. C.

SISTER HOBSTETTER'S REPORT.

DEAR BAPTIST:—Since leaving Ayden last March, we have traveled many, many miles and have met most all kinds and classes of people; some good and some bad, and sad to say more bad than good, but we were indeed glad to meet with the good ones. We have met and parted with many of our friends, some of whom we never expect to meet with again, until we meet on that great day in the morning, when the book shall be opened and the roll shall be called.

In our travels, we have met with a goodly number of churches, some of which are progressing rapidly and some not doing so well. We have met and heard quite a number of our northern preacher boys who have lately started in the cause and I am proud

to say they are fine young men, quite eloquent speakers and full of religion, and the old time religion too. Among the lot was one young Brother in particular, I know he will pardon me for personating him. His name is Naaman Borders, of W. Va. He is quite an eloquent speaker and we heard him deliver an able discourse at the Pine Creek quarterly meeting, which by the way, was held with the Union Church, was well attended with almost a full delegation, corresponding messengers, visiting brethren, etc. and went off as the Pine Creek Quarterly Meetings usually do. We expect if no preventing providence, to start on the 12th inst for Ayden again, where we learned to love our dear southern people so much last winter. Brethren, pray for us that we may so live in this life that our friends may know that we are being led by Christ, and that we may ever stand ready to go where we can do the most good in his cause, is the request of your loving sister.

LAURA HOBSTETTER.

LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION.

I have been thinking for some time of letting the brethren know that I am still in the work. I was in a good meeting last Saturday night and Sunday, in an oak thicket on the river side. Bros. Davis, Briley and myself will organize a church there soon. The good people there say we have the doctrine. That, we already knew. I will tell the brethren, that I have just returned from Colquitt county, where we all had a good meeting at Cool Springs church. There I got acquainted with Bro. Pope and others. Hoping we will meet with Bros. Pope and B. J. Griffin in our July meeting at Ozias church, in Clinch county.

Well, I was just reading a letter from the Wayside, about sleeping Jonah, when his dues were to pay to the BAPTIST, and it aroused somebody else about their dues. Many are asleep when it becomes their duty to settle dues. Bro. Editor, you will find enclosed \$3.00, for which please give me credit for \$2., and send the paper to Joseph Arnold, Millwood, Ga., for the other dollar.

Brethren, all the churches I have visited this year are high in spirit. The good Lord is blessing our labors everywhere. So, may the good Lord bless the Editor and the many readers of the BAPTIST. Pray for me, brethren, that I may grow in grace.

REV. L. COWART,
McDONALD, Ga.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

Please find space for a few lines from this part of the State. Our quarterly meeting closed the 26th. We had several ministers present, Bros. Jeff Thomas, J. H. Serrett, R. Perry, P. A. Perry, H. McCormick, B. J. F. Dickens, pastor, and Bro. W. W. Workman of the M. E. Church. Bro. Workman at the close of the conference expressed his love and gratitude to the conference for the courtesy shown him by that body during the meeting. We have many F. W. B. in W. Va. We have a Union Sunday School at this place. I like to read the letters from the brethren and sisters in the BAPTIST, and hear of their prospects for heaven.

Pray for us here,
J. F. CANTERBERRY,
Citie, W. Va.

OUR DEAD.

BETTIE BROWNEY.

DEAR EDITOR:—Will you allow me space in your good paper to announce the death of our much beloved sister, Bettie Browney, wife of Bro. Marcellus Browney, who departed this life, May 23rd, 1907. She was a faithful member of Mt. Olive church, and her seat was never vacant when able to attend. She was a good neighbor, and a friend to every one she met. She was every to go at any time to visit the sick and wait on them. She was also a Dr. for warms, bone fellows, etc. She will be greatly missed in the neighborhood and by every one that knew her. She was sick sometime, and all was done for her that loving friends could do, but to no avail, the good Lord saw best to take her home with him, where there will be no more sickness, sorrow, pain or death, but joy and happiness forever. She leaves no children except a small girl she took to raise, who is now about ten years old. She leaves a loving husband to mourn, but we mourn not, for those having no hope, for we believe sister Bettie is resting in the arms of Jesus. She was about 74 years old.

The burial services were conducted by Eld. M. W. Ange, to a large crowd of sorrowing friends, then she was laid to rest in the Jackson burying ground to await the resurrection morn, when she will receive the reward of being faithful to the end.

All is dark within our dwelling,
Lonely are our hearts today,
For the one we loved so dearly,
Has forever passed away.

Written by a Friend,
W. B. WATERS.

NELLIE COMER.

Nellie Comer was born Aug. 16, 1903, died March 31, 1907, age 3 years, 7 months and 15 days. She leaves a father and mother and one sister to mourn for her, but their loss is her eternal gain. Two little sisters have preceded her to that beautiful land, where sorrow cannot enter. They have escaped the sorrows of this cruel world, and they will ever be protected by the loving Savior who took the little children in his arms and blessed them and said, "Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." It is sad to give up the little ones, that we have learned to love. How we miss their baby voices in the home. Yet, weep not father and mother, little Nellie is safe in the Savior's loving care. She can not come back to us again, but you may go to her in that beautiful land of peace and joy where there is no parting.

Funeral services were conducted at the Madison church by Eld. E. L. Hutchinson, and the little form was laid to rest in the Madison cemetery.

There is a reaper whose name is death,
And with his sickle keen,
He reaps the bearded grain at a breath,
And the flowers that grow between.

He gazed at the flowers with tearful eyes,
He kissed their drooping leaves,
It was for the Lord of Paradise,
He bound them in his sheaves.

And the mother gave, in tears and pain,
The flowers she most did love;
She knew she would see them all again,
In the fields of light above.

ELSIE HUTCHINSON,
Zaleski, Ohio.

MISS GENEVA PEEL.

Miss Geneva Peel, was born April 22nd, 1871, and died Feb. 10, 1907 between 5 and 6 o'clock a. m., making her stay on earth 35 years, 9 months and 18 days. She had been a professor of religion for sometime. She was baptized by Eld. B. H. Boykin Oct. 1st 1906, and was received in full fellowship as a member of White Oak Hill church Oct. 14th, 1906. Sister Geneva was a good lady and well thought of by all who knew her. Her life was a pious one, her ways were in every respect that of a Christian. Her walk and conversation was a godly one. Sister Geneva was afflicted with a cancer in her mouth, it grew worse all the time but she seemed to be submissive to him who doeth all things well. She bore her affliction with all the patience that any one could. She had a long sweet experience of the

bright beyond. She had good hope of living again. She enjoyed talking about Christ as her precious Savior. Nothing was left undone to make her happy. In her lingering, everything was done that a loving family could do for her comfort. May God bless the bereaved family in the loss of their loving Geneva and smile upon their pathway. May it be a warning to any of the dear family who are living out of their duty and away from Christ to prepare to meet their God.

At the request of the dear family we preached the funeral of the deceased to a large and attentive crowd of people.

ELD. B. W. TIPPETT,
RACHEL HARMAN.

Rachel Harman of Pikeville, N. C., died of old age February 20th, 1907. Sister Rachel Harman was a devoted Christian lady, having joined the Free Will Baptist church at Rains X Roads, about 30 years ago. Her seat was always filled when she was able to attend. She was a great sufferer for about 5 months, but bore her afflictions with get patience waiting for the Lord's will to be done. She was truly a good mother and wife. Her husband died about 25 years ago, and left her one child to mourn his loss. She was about 84 years old. She leaves a daughter, 5 grand-children, and one son-in-law to mourn her loss. Her body was carried to Rains' X Roads.

Her funeral was preached by our pastor Eld. J. H. Sasser, after the services were over her body was laid to rest in the burying ground at the church house.

Dearest sister thou hast left us,
And her loss we deeply feel,
A place is vacant in our home,
Which never can be filled.

Yet again we hope to meet thee,
When the day of life is fled,
In heaven with joy to greet thee,
Where no farewell tear is shed.

By her friend,
LISSIE HILL,
Kenly, N. C.

JAMES B. DOWDY.

The grim monster death the powerful reaper has entered our fold and claimed as a victim a true and faithful brother, James B. Dowdy, who departed this life April 19th 1907, in the 30th year of his age. He was a young man, a young husband and a young Charitable brother.

He served with credit and satisfaction a very responsible office in the C. B. H. being vice president of lodge No. 6 district No. 4. As a personal friend and brother in the C. B. H. we wish to submit the following resolutions of respect.

- 1. That in the death of Bro. Dowdy the C. B. H. lodge No. 6, district No. 4 has lost one of its best members. His wife a kind husband and his relatives and associates a true friend, whose place will be hard to fill.
2. That while we sadly regret to give up our brother we can only submit to the will of our Father who doeth all things well, and say the Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away. Blessed be the name of the Lord.
3. That to his young wife, his mother and to his association and relatives we render our profound and heartfelt sympathy.
4. That a copy of these resolutions be adopted by the lodge and placed on a page of our minutes, and the same be printed in the FREE WILL BAPTIST paper, and a copy be sent to the bereaved wife L. W. Dowdy and his mother Debra Martin.

S. L. ALEXANDER,
J. W. MARTIN,
J. T. DANIELS, Committee.

Florence, N. C.

MR. GARRY WILLIAMSON.

Mr. Garry Williamson, one of the oldest citizens in Wilson Co., died May 8th. He was born Jan. 1st, 1817, making his stay on earth more than ninety years. He was a very prominent citizen and one of the most successful farmers in his county. He was a member of the Masonic Order for more than fifty years, during which time he proved himself a very faithful member. He joined the Free Will Baptist in his eighty fourth year. His community loses one of its best citizens and his lodge and his church one of their best members. Three daughters, a number of grand-children and a host of friends are left to mourn their loss.

His funeral was conducted by Rev. P. T. Lucas, at the old home stead May 7th and he was buried in the old family grave yard, with Masonic honors.

S. T. BOYKIN,
A. R. FLOWERS,
Committee.

WILL EDGAR VAINRIGHT.

Little Will Edgar Vainright the beloved son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Clay Vainright, departed this life on the twenty eighth of March 1907, aged eight months and two weeks. He suffered only a short time and then went to his Heavenly Father. "The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away. Blessed be the name of the Lord." He left a sorrowing father and mother and two little brothers to mourn his loss, and hosts of relatives and friends.

Dearest baby, thou hast left us,
And thy loss we deeply feel,
A place is vacant in our home,
Which never can be filled.

By his loving grand-mother,
LIZZIE WARREN,
Farmville, N. C.

FOND RECOLLECTIONS.

I just want a little space to let my friends know I am still living. I read so many good letters from the brethren, that I feel like I am acquainted with you all. It does me good to read Bro. St. Claire's letters, also the brethren in Ohio. I do love to hear from brother John Roberts, brought up as neighbors, and when only a preacher boy, I used to go with him to his appointments, love to be with him, and as many credential or ordination papers as I have written and signed, I was as well pleased to write his, as any I ever fixed up. Come and see us Bro. Roberts, and preach for us once more. May God bless your labors. I wrote Bro. C. W. Murphy's Credentials; preach on Bro. Murphy. I am sorry Bro. Turner is not using the ones I signed for him. H. D. Lambert, of Bidwell Ohio, I am going to see you brethren if Providence so favors.

Well Bro. Editor, I had intended writing on a subject, but so many of the good brethren write on subjects, that I thought I would write just a few words to let the brethren know I was hearing from them, also the sisters, Laura Hobstetter, and Fannie Vickers. Dear brethren, I am a Free Will Baptist all over. May God bless you all.

ROBERT STROWERS,
Sweetland, W. Va.

SO SAY WE.

EDITOR OF F. W. BAPTIST: I agree with Sister Laura Hobstetter that it is time some of our brethren were leaving their hobby of baptism and write more of the love of our God. I think our Bibles make it so plain that there is no use of arguments week after week about it. It is not necessary to make a hobby of any Bible command. If we devote all our time to one command we are sure to neglect some other one which we should obey. I think our paper as well as our denomination is improving and why should it not? We have ministers of God and true Christians as well as other denominations and why should we be inferior to them? Let us help with prayer and work to attain higher ground and make our denomination an equal, if not a superior of all others.

Yours in hope of Heaven,
E. E. HUTCHINSON,
Zaleski, O.

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ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe that there is but one living true and eternal God, the Father, of whom are all things, from everlasting to everlasting, and whose nature and immutability in all His attributes.—I. Cor. viii. 6 Isa. xl. 28.

2. We believe that there is one Lord Jesus Christ, who was born of the only begotten Son of God, born of the Virgin Mary, whom God freely sent into this world, because of the great love wherewith He loved the world; and Christ as freely gave Himself a ransom for all, tasting death for every man; who was buried and rose again the third day, and ascended into Heaven, from whence we look for Him, the second time, in the clouds of Heaven, at the last day to judge both the quick and dead.—I. Tim. ii. 8; Heb. ii. 9; St. John iii. 16; Rev. i. 7; Acts xxv. 21; I. John i. 2.

3. We believe that there is one Holy Ghost, the precious gift of the Father through His dear Son, unto the world, who quickeneth and draweth sinners unto to God.—I. John iii. 7; St. Acts ii. 4; Eph. ii. 1; Rph. iv. 4; I. Cor. xii. 13.

4. We believe that in the beginning God made man upright, and placed him in a state of holiness, and the least mixture of misery, from which he voluntarily, by transgression, fell, and by that means brought on himself a miserable and mortal state, and is subject to death.—Gen. ii. 15; iii. 13.

5. We believe that God is not willing that any should perish; but that all should come to repentance, and the knowledge of the truth, that they might be saved; for which our Christ hath commanded the gospel to be preached among all nations, and to every creature.—Mark xvi. 15; Luke xlvii. 47; John iii. 16-17; I. Tim. ii. 4.

6. We believe that no man shall suffer in hell for what he did not know he died for him, but as the Scripture has said, for denying the Lord that bought them; because they believe not in the name of the only begotten Son of God, the Unbeliever, therefore, being the cause why the just and righteous God of Heaven will condemn the children of men, who have not received that revelation that all men, at one time or other, are found in such a capacity as that through the grace of God they may be saved.—I. Peter iii. 18; Mark vi. 6; Heb. ii. 10; I. John v. 10.

7. We believe the whole Scriptures are infallibly true, and that they are the only rule of faith and practice.—II. Tim. iii. 16, 17.

8. We believe in the doctrine of General Provision made of God in Christ; for the benefit of all mankind who repent and believe the Gospel.—Luke xlv. 16-20; Matt. xxviii. 19, 20; Luke xliii. 3-5; Luke xlvii. 47; Acts ii. 19; Mark x. 45.

9. We believe that sinners are drawn to God, the Father, by the Holy Ghost, through Christ His Son, and that the Holy Ghost offers his divine aid to all who desire to be saved, and that they might be happy, would they give place to His divine teaching, whereas, such who do not receive the divine impressions of the Holy Spirit at the resurrection day, own their condemnation just, and charge themselves with their own damnation, for wilfully rejecting the offer of saving grace.—Rom. x. 21; St. John vi. 44 and 66; Ps. l. 1; Tit. ii. 11, 12; Jer. xxiii. 29.

10. We believe that men, not considering the holiness of men, in ungodly men, were of old ordained to condemnation; conceived such who turn the grace of God into unbelief, and deny the Lord Jesus Christ, who bought them, and therefore shall bring upon themselves swift destruction; but we observe that they who believe the Gospel, and receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved; therefore the indignation and wrath of God will follow, who do not believe the death of Christ, and dying therein; for there is no respect of persons with God.—Jude i. 4; I. Peter ii. 1; II. Thes. ii. 12; Rom. ii. 12.

11. We believe that all children dying in infancy, having not actually transgressed against the law of God, in their own persons, are not subject to the first death, which was brought on them by the fall of the first Adam, and not that any one of them dying in that state shall suffer punishment in hell by the guilt of the first Adam, or of such is the kingdom of God.—I. Cor. xv. 22; Matt. xviii. 24; Mark ix. 24; St. John vi. 41.

12. We believe that good works are the fruits of a saving faith, and that in the use of the means of grace, and not out of the use of those means, that the Holy Spirit is sent into the heart, and he that believeth, shall be born again, and shall be made partaker of the kingdom of God.—I. Cor. xii. 14, 15; Isa. i. 19, 20; Matt. vii. 18; Jer. vi. 10; Luke xliii. 24, 25.

13. We believe that no man has any power, or ability which he has in and of himself, only as by grace he is made able to do it.—I. Cor. i. 4; I. John iii. 9; I. Peter ii. 12; I. John iii. 9; I. John iii. 9; I. John iii. 9; I. John iii. 9.

14. We believe that all things are foreseen in the wisdom of God, so that God's knowledge what never can be changed, and that he will not come to pass upon all supposed conditions; yet not as having decreed any person to everlasting death or everlasting life, out of respect or mere choice, farther than He hath appointed godly unto life, and the ungodly, who die in sin into death.—Heb. ix. 17; Prov. viii. 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31; Matt. xxv. 13, 14, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46.

15. We believe, as touching those ordinances, in believers, receiving the sacrament in bread and wine, washing the feet, anointing the sick with oil in the name of Christ, fasting, prayer, singing praise to God, and the public ministry of the Word, with any institution of the Lord we shall find in the New Testament.—Mark xvi. 15, 16; Acts viii. 17; Acts xii. 4; Luke xxii. 19, 20; John xiii. 1-17; James v. 14.

16. We believe the Gospel model of baptism is by immersion, and that the believers are the only subjects for baptism.—Matt. iii. 16; Mark i. 9; Acts iii. 18; Rom. vi. 4; Gal. iii. 12.

17. We believe in a general resurrection of the dead and a final judgment at the last day.—John v. 28, 29; II. Cor. v. 10.

18. We believe the happiness of the righteous is eternal and the torments of the wicked are endless.—Matt. xxv. 46.