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FIFTY YEARS IN THE MINISTRY.

Subject of an interesting lecture at the Free Will Baptist Church last night.

An interesting lecture, or rather talk, on the subject of "Fifty years in Free Will Baptist Ministry", was delivered last evening by Rev. Thomas E. Peden, a former president of the West Virginia College at Flemington. Perframing his remarks, Rev. Peden stated that he was born in Huntington township, Gallia county, Ohio, September 13, 1832, and was brought up on a farm. He was educated in the common schools and the Albany Manual Labor University. He intended to study law and built many air castles of success in financial, legal and political undertakings. While in school he realized that he was depraved, or he could never be happy in time or eternity. He went forward to the altar earnestly praying for pardon and found the pearl of great price and that satisfaction of soul that is far better than rubies and diamonds and abides with him at the present time. This was in September, in a meeting held by Rev. Luke DeWitt a Presbyterian minister, but Elder Ira Z. Haning, a Free Will Baptist, preached the night he went forward. Soon after this he began to feel that God had called him to preach the Gospel. This was a severe trial, for it destroyed all his great expectations for honor and wealth, for the Free Will Baptist were then much weaker financially and numerically than they are today.

Worldly honors must be given up at the call of God, and hard work and nearly no pay, took the place of visions of wealth and worldly honors. His first sermon was preached at the Fair Play school house, in Meigs county Ohio, to his old friends and boyhood associates. Soon after this he was chosen the superintendent of the graded school in Saracuse, Ohio, and in connection with that had four appointments to preach where there were no Free will Baptist churches, as he had license from the Albany church and the Athens quarterly meeting. The labors were blessed and every few weeks he had to send twenty miles for an ordained minister to come and baptize converts.
 Long before the year that his license was to run had expired, they sent a council, consisting of Elders Ira Z. Haning and Ganet Coler, to ordain him to the full work of the ministry. From that time down to the present he has followed the double calling of preaching and teaching. He often rode nearly all night to reach his school by nine o'clock Monday morning, from a distant appointment. Often tired, cold and sleepy, he would stop with a benevolent friend and find the bed in which he was expected to

sleep so completely occupied by vermin of such ravenous appetites that he would have to arise, wrap up in a quilt and sleep, or try to, on the floor.

When the Civil War began he was in charge of the church in Middleport, O., and joined a company of minute men which was frequently called out to repel real or imaginary foes. This was changed to the National Guards and captured eighty-seven of Morgan's men at Wolf's Bar, when that great raide came through Ohio. Soon after this he enlisted in Co. I, 173rd o. v. i., in which he served until honorably discharged at the close of the war.

Although a private, he preached every Sabbath but four while in the service, and saw many conversion. He aided in organizing churches in Middleport, Bedford, Pageville, Third Rutland, Ewington, Union Grove, Second Huntington, Huntington, in Ross county, Petrea, Wellsport, Milton, Seal, California, Coalton, Gilloa, Mt. Tabor, Elko, Athens; Ophir, Falls, Portsmouth, New Boston and Prattsville, in Ohio; Beatty's Run, Hickory Grove and Grafton, W. Va., and Johnsonville, Tenn. Built thirteen meeting houses, extensively repaired seven, baptized 595, taught in the common schools. DeCamp Institute, Atwood Institute, Randall Academy, Savannah Academy, Rio Grand College, West Virginia College and now in the Free Will Baptist Theological Seminary at Ayden, N. C. and engaged in six friendly debates with ministers of other denominations on disputed theological subjects.

He has great reason to thank the brethren and public for uniform kindness and assistance. He was on the council that organized Shiloh, Jackson, Gallia and Portsmouth quarterly meetings, and that ordained J. H. Kayser, Thos. H. Drake, J. W. Martin, T. J. Ferguson, John A. Oiler, G. H. Finney, Silas Moore, John McCoy, J. M. Jackson, Melvin L. Peden, Charles Reeves, R. F. Pittman, W. L. Hooper, J. N. McCarty, C. O. Armstrong and W. A. Hobstetter to the full work of the ministry. Attended as delegate, by favor of his yearling meeting, the general conference at Lewiston, Me.; Marion, O.; Fairport, N. Y.; Minneapolis, Minn.; Harper's Ferry, W. Va.; Lowell, Mass.; Coalton, O.; Ayden, N. C.; Nashville, Tenn., and Dunn, N. C. He hopes to continue several more years in the work, as the fifty has given so much solid peace and satisfaction.—Grafton (W. Va.) Sentinel.

In the olden time (and yet not so very long since) there was a freshness, a life, a power, an interest in Christian testimony which, as the general thing, is today sadly lacking. Testimonies are too stereotyped, too formal, too unvarying. If we grow there ought to be evidence of growth.—Exchange.

COLUMBIA, ALA.

DEAR EDITOR:—Please spare me a small space in your paper. I will try not take to much room, for I think there are others that can give better instruction than I can. I feel my nothingness in the sight of God. I feel like we all don't pray enough in faith for I think prayer is the key that unlocks heaven. I think that is one good way to commune with God. What a sweet thought it is to know of the truth that we have God for a Savior, if we will only trust him. How sweet it is in God, for we know he is a friend in need and a friend indeed; and one that will never go back on us. I don't care how deep a trouble you get into, he will help you out if you will only trust and obey. He says he will be with you in the sixth trouble, and in the seventh, he will not forsake you.

I have just returned home from a good meeting at Prospect church, Dotban Ala. I know it was as good a meeting as I was ever in. I think there were thirty additions, I don't know the exact number but we had a fine meeting. Bros. Eldridge, Parish and Cherry, preached for us. Bro. Eldridge is our pastor, he is among the best in my knowledge. Brothers and sisters, I do love to see a preacher practice what he preaches, but I don't believe in letting the preacher do it all, for they can't just pick you up and give you to God. While he tells you what to do, you must be praying to God, for strength to overcome temptation.

Love, is a great thing, for Jesus said, "Love one another for by this all men will know you are my disciples." Dear readers I am trying to live so I can be one of his disciples and I think I love everybody, and especially all of God's people. It is sad to think of so many who know nothing of God in the pardon and forgiveness of their sins.

I am glad to hear of so many saloons being closed. I do truly hope that the whole land and country, will be cleared of that nasty stuff, and that the good people will keep their eyes open and punish all that run blind tigers, with the punishment they deserve and that all will turn, and live for God and his cause before it is too late, is the prayers of one that loves God and his cause. I do truly ask the prayers of all God's people, that we may raise our children for God and His cause; so when they get old, they will not depart from it, for we know the prayers of the righteous availeth much.

Dear readers, let us see how many of us can love our enemies, if any one of us have an enemy, let us make that a special object, and pray as we have never prayed before especially for that enemy; and pray with faith, nothing doubting, and see what happens. I know God will answer prayer if it comes from the heart.

Much love to the BAPTIST and its many readers.

Yours in the name of Jesus,
 Mrs. W. A. ORT.

GENERAL CONFERENCE NEAR.

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS:—How near General Conference is upon us! Just two more months, and the time will be here O, I do hope the people will get a move upon them, and get to doing something in earnest.

Brethren, the time is here when the Free Will Baptist must either move forward or step down and out. Which shall it be? Every true loyal Free Will Baptist is ready to shout forward; yet it seems to me, there is no need to lay back. Just see what other denominations are doing, moving along with the times. Brethren and sisters, let us do so. Alas, let us put forth every effort at General Conference, to have our Seminary endowed, we need more ground and dormitories and an up to date college, and we can have it, others do and we have just as wealthy peoples here as in any church; hence let us put our force to work and move along.

We have our mission work to look after, there never was so much need of mission work as at the present. Brethren won't you draft constitutions and bylaws for the National Woman's Missionary society, or if we have any, will some good brother or sister inform me where I can get same. I sent to Maine for a constitution, but found it to be a Free Baptist, instead of a Free Will. Now what we want, is a genuine old fashioned Free Will Baptist constitution and bylaws for the National Woman's Missionary Society which is recognized by the General Conference. Then we can go ahead and organize Auxiliary societies, and fix a stated amount of dues, and thus secure missionary funds, systematically and continually. But, until we do have a system to work by, our hands are tied, in a manner. Will you help us?

I would like to hear from Sister Hattie Dowdy, our National Secretary, also Sister Harrington, our Treasurer, as to how much we have in the treasury. You know we will need to make our report as to what the society has done since last General Conference, and how much we have received, and how much has been paid out, and what for. Sisters, let us attend to this at once, will you?

Brother Upton, will you please report to General Conference, what an effort we put forth up in Ohio for the mission work, and the results of same.

Brethren and sisters, let us earnestly pray Gods blessings upon the work that we may have plans put forth at the Conference which may be the means of doing more for the denomination in general, in the next three years to come than ever before.
 Yours in hope of Heaven,
 LAURA HOBSTETTER,
 Ayden, N. C.

FROM DEEP RUN, N. C.

DEAR EDITOR:—After a long time I have concluded to write and let the many readers of your valuable paper hear from Leboir County once more. We are going along slow, but are trying to be true Free Will Baptists. I think our churches are doing well.

We in the Eastern Conference are getting to have better church buildings, in which to worship God. Our people go to church very well, we have good large congregations, especially on Sunday, but not so many at night. Not very many people go to church on Saturdays, and I can't tell why this is the case, but nevertheless it is true in some places. Several reasons might be assigned for this state of affairs. We have union meetings on fifth Sundays and we can't raise very much money but our churches represent, very well and all send in some money for home missions and help to build, and repair our old churches.

In the third district union of the Eastern Conference, we have sent out four preachers to try to revive two old gone down churches, which we hope to succeed in doing. I was with one of the churches on Saturday and held communion with them, and the church seemed to enjoy our visit with them. These churches are near our doors, and we ought to build them up before we go out and try to build new ones, and have no one to take charge of them. We do not try to raise very much money, for we have a number of very poor people that can't pay much, and they want to begin at home to help the needy. I think we after a while will do better on this line. We old preachers have never taught our churches their duty as we should. Why? Because we were not taught our duty; but we hope to learn a lesson on this, before very long. When we begin to feel and know the need of it, then we will fall in line and go to work. Our people are able and have the means to do a good work for the Master but we will have to go slow.

We have several calls for our help; we have mission points that want our help; we have a school at Ayden, N. C. that is an honor to all Free Will Baptists and is doing a great work for our denomination, and sending out every year young and well equipped preachers, which call on us for help. We ought to help if we are able to do so, and I think it not far in the future that our people will come together and stand by Prof. T. E. Peden, who is doing so much for our boys that are called to preach. Time only can tell how much good the Prof. has done. Our Denomination, our Evangelist calls for help but we can't help them very much yet. We do hope that the time will soon come when the people will be able and then be willing to make some sacrifice for the cause of our Lord and Master.

H. C.

CITY RID OF SALOONS.

DEAR EDITOR:—I again come knocking for admission to your columns, I will if admitted only ask for a small space and a moment of your time.

The outlook here is very promising indeed, last fall by an overwhelming majority, the temperance people said by their vote, that saloons must leave our beautiful city and the law makers championed by that noble hero passed the Pendleton law, which allows us a vote upon this question, and on the first day of next April, Jackson will be a dry town. Thirty saloons will leave this city and upon their ruins we hope to found a church for God and heaven.

Brethren, we can build a church in Jackson if we had the right kind of leaders. I wish some of our National Evangelists could feel impressed to preach this way and reach the pure Gospel of the precious Son of God.

I want to attend the General Conference at Nashville, and will endeavor to have the Flat Creek Association represented by both letter and delegates.

If any of our leading ministers desire to visit this part of the country, and organize a station or church, and will write me, I shall do all in my power to make their stay in the city, both profitable and pleasureable.

Brethren, if you cannot visit us, pray that we may lead a true upright consecrated Christian life.
 Yours in hope of heaven,
 W. A. POOLE,
 Jackson, Tenn.

SUPPORT THE MINISTRY.

DEAR EDITOR:—Will you be so kind as to allow me space in the BAPTIST to let its many readers hear from me.

Praise God I am still on the sunny side of life and I find the way gets brighter all along, and it fills my heart with joy to read the good old BAPTIST, and see what the good Lord is doing for the people. I am glad to know of so many that has taken up the Cross and following Jesus.

Dear Bros. and sisters; that is what we need. More that are willing to go out in this dark world, like Bro. St. Claire and plead with sinners until they turn and come to God. God bless Bro. St. Claire and his sweet little children.

So may we all as Free Will Baptist, do more for the cause, in the future than we have in the past. Dear Bro. if you can't preach, pay someone else to preach. For this old world is sick and sick unto death. Bros. and sisters, we are to blame, for we will not send our preachers as other denominations do; if we would, it would not be long before we would win the world for Jesus.

So wake up and see where we stand and see how far we are from our duty.
 So pray for me, that I may be up and doing when Jesus comes.
 I am yours for Jesus.
 G. W. WILSON,
 Velma, Ga.