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AYDEN, N. C., WEDNESDAY, April 22, 1908

EDUCATIONAL NOTES.

The Seminary was represented in the Teacher's Association at Greenville last Saturday by Misses Munn and Ina H. Johnson. Gov. Glenn's speech at Ayden kept many away.

Every one should have a definite time for reading each day and sacredly keep it. It is surprising the amount of information that can be obtained by reading one hour a day for a year.

The teachers and preachers, educated in the Seminary, readily find enjoyment as soon as they are ready for it. The people have learned where to send for competent instructors and ministers.

In the study of the Old Testament, the meaning of the proper names ought to be learned and particular attention given to the families, in order that are the ancestors according to the flesh of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Our Nephew, Everett Scott, closed an interesting and successful term of school in Vinton county, Ohio, a few days ago. This is his second term. He appears to be a born teacher and we trust will make a high mark in the profession.

The minutes of the General Conference have gone to three continents and to every state and territory of the United States, except those named in the paper last week, from which no Free Will Baptist Churches are reported. Only having a thousand, they are scattered very thinly, but we trust every one will make the most he possibly can of them and that they will yield fruit, some thirty, some sixty and some a hundred fold, to the glory of God and the growth of the denomination.

The new Free Will Baptist University of Nashville, Tenn. has conferred the degrees of Doctor of Laws and Doctor of Physics, upon us. As they came without any solicitation on our part, we cheerfully accept them and extend our sincere thanks to all the chancellors, trustees and all the authorities of this growing institution for this distinguished favor. While we do not feel worthy of so great consideration we receive it as an indication of Divine favor and by industry and consecration to Christian Education make ourselves as useful as our limited capacity and opportunity will admit.

The committee of twelve appointed by the Seceders to make divisions and cause discussion in the different denominations, recently held a meeting in Boston, Mass. and so far as they could, gave the mission churches composing the Bengal and Orissa Yearly Meeting, in India, to the Close Communion Baptist. They found a few restless spirits like themselves and held a general "pow wou"

UNION MEETING.

The union meeting of the 4th district met with the church at Antioch Wayne Co. on March, 27th, 1908. Eld. A. Tyson who was appointed to preach the introductory, being present, preached—Text: II. Tim. 3: 12.

After an intermission of one hour the union reassembled and elected Eld. A. Tyson moderator, and Eld. J. A. Sugg assistant.

On motion, we elect Bro. R. R. Bailey clerk of this union. On motion, we invite all visiting Bros. and sisters to seats in this union.

The following committees were appointed.

Devotional—Sisters Alice Musgrove, Fannie Wooten and Katie Sugg.

Finance—Bros. W. R. Brand, Iva Wells and C. B. Wise.

Temperance—Eld. R. C. Edmondson, G. W. Killett and H. G. Edmondson.

Sabbath Schools—Brothers John Wooten, Alonzo Wals-ton and J. B. Edmondson.

The devotional report, to night Eld. J. A. Sugg open and Eld. A. Tyson preach.

On motion, we close until 9:30 Saturday morning. Praise and prayer by Eld. J. A. Sugg.

SATURDAY MORNING.

The union met as per adjournment. Praise and prayer by Eld. A. Tyndall.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

On motion, the list of churches is called. They responded as follows:

Watery Branch—Joseph West, \$1 50; Antioch—G. W. Killett and J. B. Edmondson, \$2. Saratoga—Johnny Owens and J. T. Eason, \$1 50; Aspin Grove—Robt. Owens, \$1 25; Harrell's Chapel—Benj. Carlile and Thos. Kenney, \$2 00; Friendship—W. R. Brand and Iva Wells, \$3 05; Spring Branch—Alonzo Wals-ton, \$1 75; Orters' Creek—not represented; Free Union—E. M. Vick, \$1 00; Walnut Creek—C. B. Wise; Total amount, \$18 10.

On motion, the finance committee retire and settle with the treasurer and he make his report.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Nothing on hand from last union. Received at this union, \$18 10.
Paid clerk, \$1 50;

Balance on hand, \$16 60.

On motion, we give to Antioch church, \$16 60, it was paid to Bro. J. S. Sasser for said church.

On motion, the treasurer's report be received and committee discharged.

Devotional committee reports Eld. J. A. Smith open and Eld. C. A. Jackson preach at 11 o'clock. Eld. R. E. Edmondson open and Eld. A. Tyndall preach tonight. Eld. Hart open and Eld. C. A. Jackson preach tomorrow. After preaching at 11 o'clock, we had an intermission of one hour for refreshments.

TEMPERANCE—We your committee on temperance beg leave to report the following, seeing that moderate drinking tends to drunkenness and total abstinence is directly from it. We beg our preachers and members not to touch it in any way. We beg our preachers abd members to use their influence against it in every way.

By the Committee.

SABBATH SCHOOLS—We your committee on Sunday Schools beg leave to report the follow-

ing. We urge that every church have a S. S. and we think that Sunday Schools are one of the greatest powers to build up a church of any other religious order. We think that Christ will own and bless every effort for the advancement of his kingdom. We think good S. Ss. are a great benefit to churches by helping them to build up where it is conducted in a Christlike way, and urge that all ministers of the Gospel insist on church members, that they run a good S. S. in their churches.

By the Committee.

Petitions for the next union was considered and the union was voted to go to Walnut Creek, Wayne county, commencing on Friday before the 5th Sunday in May, 1908.

Eld. A. Tyson is to preach the introductory at the next union, and Eld. R. E. Edmondson on his failure. A vote of thanks was tendered the good people of this community for their generous hospitality shown us during the sitting of this union.

On motion, the union close until next time in course.

Praise and prayer by Eld. J. A. Sugg.

ELD. A. TYSON, Mod;
R. R. BAILEY, Clerk.

BABY OR BOTTLE—WHICH?

A commercial traveler who had been accustomed to drink quite freely with his comrades, astonished them by saying, when the bottle was passed in the smoking car one day, "No I want drink with you to day boys. The fact is, boys, I have sworn off." He was greeted with shouts of "Boys, boys, boys" around him. They put the bottle to his nose, and indulged in many jokes at his expense; but he refused to drink, and was rather serious about it.

"What's the matter with you, old boy?" sang out one. "If you've quit drinking, something's up; tell us what it is."

"Well, boys, I will though I know you will laugh at me; but I will tell you all the same. I have been a drinking man all my life, and kept it up since I was married as you all know. I love whiskey; it's as sweet in my mouth as sugar, and God only knows how I'll quit it. For seven years not a day has passed over my head that I didn't have at least one drink. But I am done. Yesterday I was in Chicago. Down on South Clark's street a customer of mine keeps a pawnshop in connection with his other business. I called on him, and while I was there a young man of not more than twenty-five wearing threadbare clothes, and looked as hard as if he had not seen a sober day for a month, came in with a little package in his hand. Tremblingly he unwrapped it, and handed the articles to the pawnbroker, saying: "Give me ten cents." And boys what do you suppose it was? A pair of baby's shoes little things, with the buttons only a trifle soiled, as if they had been worn once or twice.

"Where did you get these?" asked the pawnbroker. "Got 'em at home," replied the man, who had an intelligent face and the manner of a gentleman, despite his condition. "My wife bought them for our baby. Give me ten cents for 'em; I want a

"You had better take those back to your wife, the baby will need them," said the pawnbroker.

"No, she wont because she's dead. She's lying at home, now; died last night." As he said this, the poor fellow broke down, bowed his head on the show case, and cried like a child.

"Boys," said the drummer, "you can laugh if you please, but I—I have a baby of my own at home, and by the help of God I'll never drink another drop."

Then he got up and went into another car. His companions glanced at each other through dimmed eyes and silence. It did not seem funny to anybody. No one laughed; but some how the bottle disappeared, and soon each was sitting in a seat by himself, pretending to read a newspaper.—Ex.

FROM THE LAND OF FLOWERS.

DEAR EDITOR: In the paper with date of Mar. 18, under the head of "Information wanted." I will give the following reply:

The New Testament was like the general commission given and written for the whole world, and hence was not written for any specific class, or nation, and especially the four Books, Matt. Mark Luke and John. Though Paul, after the Jews had the first opportunity under the first commission, and the presence of the dear Savior and his teachings, then after his rising and the continuance of the miraculous work, and teachings of his devoted followers, said to them, "Seeing that you judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, let us turn to the Gentiles." Not that he considered one nationality more than another, in the faith of salvation, for he says there is no difference. Of course it can't be expected of anyone to give chapter and verse, because there is no such a statement made in the Testament, nor is there in the histories written in those times. Even Polycarp, who was the constant companion of St. John and the main historian of that time never mentions anything like the good sisters statement. By way of admonition I would say, when you write give a reason for setting forth such ideas as these, for they are not edifying unless you do give a reason. I am three score and ten years old, and have made a thorough study of my Bible for 37 years, and all the writing of men who wrote history in those days and have failed to find anything on that line written anywhere, and if there is such a statement anywhere, I am like Bro. Worland I want to see it proved up.

Yours for truth,
ELD. L. M. SKELTON,
Zolfo, Fla.

ON THE ALTAR OF GOD.

DEAR BRO:—Here I come again, and I want the workers of Jesus to know that I am an eye witness of what I speak.

Our dear brother, W. T. McGuire, of Mobile Ala, has laid his all on God's altar, and gone out as an Evangelist into the fields of Miss., to labor for the heavenly Master and preach the Gospel to poor lost sinners. Yes dear Editor, he is a poor man, only had one horse and buggy, which I know was well worth \$60 00 but owing to the scarcity of money, he sold out for \$30 00 half price and laid his dear loving little family on God's altar. Has denied himself of his earthly possessions and has forsaken all for Jesus.

I wish to say he is a man with only one hand, and I hope every lover of Jesus will take this in consideration and help the dear brother financially. His family is dependent and must live as well as himself. I hope every one who reads this article will make a small sacrifice and send some thing to his dear wife while he is off laboring for the salvation of souls. His address is No. 805—Blmira St Mobile Ala.

It is blessed to know dear Editor, that this beloved son and husband leaves behind him a true Christian mother and father, also a true Christian wife, who are praying for him in his glorious word and self sacrifice that he has made for Jesus. Hoping all will pray for this Christian family, I am your aged worker for Jesus.
REV. A. J. BROWNING,
Hammac, Ala.

QUESTION.

DEAR EDITOR: I would like to ask a question through your valuable paper and would be glad for some well read Bro. to answer it as I am not satisfied about it, and have heard it spoken of many times. This is the question: Is Sunday the first day of the week? And tell me where to look in the Bible to find it, please.
T. L. LITTLE,
Greenville, N. C.

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for the M. B. Columbia College, at Lake City, Fla.

Bros. how can we sit on the stool of do nothing? Why don't we put some one in the field, canvassing, lecturing and visiting the different communities and churches to raise money for our school at Ayden, N. C. Others do it, and why can't we? Are we always going to drag behind, or are we going to put forth every effort possible, to make ours the best? I earnestly pray God's blessings on all, that you may put forth every effort in this cause, help the preachers so they will not go through this world blindly unlearned, unable to explain the sound doctrine. God bless all.

CORA SASSER,
McClenny, Fla.

OUR NEW YORK LETTER.

(From our regular correspondent)

The completion and opening of the tunnels under the Hudson River, so long looked forward to as a dream of the future, now a reality, is not appreciated by New Yorkers nor grasped by people at a distance. The magnitude, the meaning, the gigantic undertaking, over and over resulting in failure, is to day an actual existing fact. The north branch of the Hudson, the East branch, one on each side of New York City, separating New Jersey on the one side, Long Island on the other, with the millions of beings, heretofore ferries and one bridge the only means of getting in or out of New York. Now trains flying under the rivers, carrying the populace to and fro, they do not stop to consider what has been done. Before had notice of bombardment or a serious epidemic, the residents of New York City proper, (Manhattan Island) could not have made their way out of the City in less than a month's steady exodus, to day a couple of days would suffice. The worker frequently passing through the tunnels always when midway, stops to consider, over head is the flowing waters of the Hudson, overhead a mile and a quarter wide, 75 feet deep, then mud 50 feet, down in the rock 50 feet, and under it all a great double track railroad in tubes, train carrying 600 to 1,000 passengers dashing in both directions at a 30 mile speed, 2 minute headway, it surely is enough to furnish food for thought.

To McAdoo, the man from Tenn, is due the credit for this world-wonder. All others undertaking, gave up in failure. The stout hearted Southerner laughed on every side, laughed back, and kept "pegging" away while he had the pleasant satisfaction of having the President at Washington press the button that started the car wheels in motion and, surrounded by the Governors of New Jersey and New York, the Mayor of the City, and hundreds of its leading dignitaries and foremost men, he received congratulations for his great feat, such as no man had been the recipient of, nor was it done without the expenditure of millions in money, scores of lives, heart aches, pangs and sleepless nights. The people can now say to McAdoo "well done."

It is worth a visit to New York to see this great achievement.

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You are free from any divinity so long as you despise any humanity.