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AYDEN, N. C., WEDNESDAY, Oct. 27, 1909.

OUR VISIT TO THE S. C. CONFERENCE.

On Wednesday morning last we left our home for the South Carolina Conference. After a ride of 253 miles we reached Lake City, 23 miles beyond Florence. There we were met by Bro. John A. Poston, father of Elder Ernest Poston and taken to his home, where we enjoyed a pleasant night's rest. We made this home our place of abode during most of the time we were attending the Conference. Bro. Poston has an elegant home and he knows just how to entertain and make one wish to go again. His wife is an estimable Christian lady, and Bro and sister Poston have a number of well trained children. There we met with Bro. Richburg, father of the lamented Elder Joe Richburg, and L. L. Moore, a prominent rising young minister of the S. C. Conference. Bro. Richburg has been attending the conference for a number of years and has been truly one of the pillars of this body.

On Thursday morning Bro Poston took us to Little Star where the conference was to be held. After shaking hands with many of the ministers and delegates we entered the house and heard the introductory sermon, by Elder W. E. Gibbons from the text "Let brotherly love continue."

The church at Little Star was organized by Elder Joe Richburg and stands as a living monument to show his noble work in the harvest field of his Master.

The churches were well represented and all assigned good homes near the church. The business of the conference was transacted in a business-like manner, with W. E. Gibbons moderator and L. L. Moore, clerk. We were given a hearty welcome and responded with some remarks. Eld. J. J. Baggett is still a central figure in that body, loved and respected by the whole conference. Eternity alone will reveal what this noble soldier of the cross has done for his Master. He speaks of visiting the conferences in N. C. next spring. We will hail his coming with delight.

Elder W. P. Cause, who many of our people know, is still holding the banner aloft in S. C. and has a firm hold upon the hearts of his people.

Eld. J. B. Oliver is doing a good work and is much liked by his congregations. Time would fail us to speak of all the good brethren who are laboring for the eternal reward. There was but little clash in the Conference; the spirit of love seemed to predominate. The mission cause is being agitated among them and we trust great things will yet be done through their efforts to advance the kingdom of Christ.

We stopped at the home of Bro. Jake Evans a part of the time and on Sunday evening he sent us to the home of Bro. L. McGee, near High Hill church where we enjoyed the hospitality of his home till Monday morning, when he took us to Scranton, where we boarded the cars for home. At the homes of Bro Evans and McGee we were shown every consideration and from the depths of our heart we thank God for such people. We find that Eld. Corbett is doing a good work in S. C. and making noble strides toward building up our cause. Our brethren take the BAPTIST and pay for it pretty well. A large number paid up and renewed for the coming year. We thank them for their fidelity. God bless the dear people.

EDUCATIONAL NOTES.

Eld. R. F. Pitman has consented to occupy the chair of Professor of Mathematics in the Seminary and will commence teaching with the opening of the Winter term; next Monday. We predict that it will be very successful.

We have one Syrian in the Free Will Sabbath School, at Ayden and expect another. He came from twenty miles of Beirut and knows considerable about the American Missionary College in that old historic city and speaks in high terms of its value and gracious influence.

Nearly all the larger colleges have raised the grade of admission and added several studies to their Curriculum. This makes it necessary for the Seminary to do the same and it will no doubt be done at the next annual meeting of the Trustees and Stockholders. We can not afford to be behind the times.

The Winter Session at the Seminary begins next Monday, at 8 a. m. The usual care and attention, will be given each student to see that he has every needed assistance to enable him to make solid and rapid advancement and if any do not, it will be certain proof that they lack capacity, or are too indolent to study.

One of the great demands of our denomination, at the present time, is a goodly number of classical graduates to kindly and considerately guide our work, fill the Professorship in our Institutions of learning and establish additional ones, as Providence opens the way. With wise counsel and the blessings of heaven, we will soon lead all other denominations, in numbers, wealth, general influence and we hope in devoted piety and consecration to the Lord's work.

We occasionally notice in the proceedings of Union Meetings, Conferences, Association etc., that the prayer and tes-

timony meeting was omitted. This is very unbaptistic. From the time of Christ down to the present, it has been the policy and aim of the Free Will Baptist to develop the membership and make all earnest workers in the Lord's vineyard. In all our general meetings there should be at least one service in which all men and women, Christian boys and girls, are expected to speak in honor of the name of the Lord and not have all the time taken up by three, or four ministers showing their learning, or ignorance.

Africa, south of the Sahara, or Great Desert, with the exception of the small country of Liberia is divided among the European powers of Great Britain, France, Germany, Portugal and Belgium. Thousands of colonists are flocking there from these several nations every year and a few from the United States. Now is the time to send missionaries, establish schools and give all the elements of civilization to the natives and save the colonists from becoming barbarians and heathens. Free Will Baptist are called of God to do a good share of this greatly needed work and to all human appearance, God has sent them a man and his wife, especially for this field, surely with their wealth, numbers and piety, they will see that they are supported and reinforcements sent as needed, to their assistance.

MISSION NOTES.

DEAR SISTERS AND BROTHERS:—You, or at least some of you, are aware of the fact that Rev. and Mrs. John S. Mercer of Charlotte, N. C. have been appointed by the Foreign Mission Board of the General Conference of the F. W. Baptist, as missionaries to go to Africa to carry the Gospel into the dark and uncivilized nation across the sea. Now brethren it is our Christian duty to get to work to help to raise the amount of money it will take to make the trip, establish the work, and carry it on after it has been instituted there, in order to follow up the plan now let every Christian man, woman and child give according as the Lord has prospered us, so be sure every body will feel it their Christian duty to help them, so let us get to work with a will. Now I have been quiet for some time and said nothing along the line of missions, but I am coming again. I have quite a number of Rev. Merce's little booklets entitled "Burden for souls," which has twenty-four pages on his mission work including three lovely little poems or songs, which are worth more than the price of the book, (which is only ten cents) now I am sure every body will want one of those booklets, if you do not want one for the sake of the book itself you will all want one on account of its having Rev. and Mrs. Merce's picture in it. Who is there that will not want one of the dear sisters and brothers pictures when they are in the foreign land. I have one book, and did I not prize it for its own worth, I would not take many times its cost for the picture it contains of our two most noble sacrificing missionaries. So let every body fall in line now and give as the Lord has prospered you. Any amount you may deem proper to give will be gratefully received.

Now brothers and sisters, we must help in this cause, if we even expect to accomplish anything we must begin right now. So I trust that every body will go to work now and help the foreign work along. Just send Rev. John S. Mercer, North Charlotte, N. C., whatever amount the Lord leads you to give and, Bro. Mercer will give you credit in the BAPTIST, and the Lord will give you credit in heaven for the gift, rewarding you according to your works. In His name,
LAURA HOUSTETTER.

HORSE BRANCH MEETING.

DEAR EDITOR:—Please allow me space in your paper to let the many who know what a good meeting we had at Horse Branch Church.

Our meeting commenced on our regular appointment, 1st Saturday in Oct. We met on Saturday p. m. for the purpose of having communion, but as it was so late when we got through with our business we decided to postpone it. There were five additions to the church, while Bro. Corbett preached for us. He was with us a week. Bro. Hutson assisted him some through the meeting. On last Saturday brother Corbett preached to a large congregation, text: "My yoke is easy, and my burden is light," Matt. 11: 30. The night following he preached a noble sermon. His text was "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation." On Sunday p. m. after the close of the meeting Bro. Corbett met with a large congregation at Hudson's Mill and baptized three of the candidates. Bro. Corbett is doing a great work for old Horse Branch, and I am glad to say, will be our pastor another year. We have a good Sunday School now, and I do pray that our church may ever thrive in the right spirit. May the good readers of your paper pray for me that I may ever be ready to do what the Lord would have me do.

If this escapes the waste basket, I will write again.
Your Bro. in Christ,
W. N. ROBERSON,
Turbeville, S. C.

LOVE OF BOOKS.

No wonder that a man who knows the value of books delights in their company. Peter refused to die anywhere else than in the midst of his books. While Walter Scott was dying he had his attendants wheel him into his library at Abbotsford. The ebbing strength of death was used in stroking and fondling the books which he was not then strong enough to read. Paxton Hood tells of a young man whose only regret at dying was that in heaven he would not have any books to read. His old pastor assured him that he would there meet the souls of books—the spirits of the men who wrote them. Yes, and I have little doubt that there will be real books in heaven. Truly the Book of Life is the one, and the book with the seven seals; and why not other books for the delectation of the saved?

All this is preparatory to saying that one needs to be very careful as to what kind of books he reads or permits those under his guardianship to read. No one can read a book without being helped or hurt.

UNANSWERED PRAYERS

Once in a while an honest, puzzled young Christian almost comes to the conclusion that it isn't worth while to pray. Youth is always impatient, and when a young man or woman has petitioned the Father above a month or several months for a certain thing, and the prayer is not answered, the idea will creep in that all prayer is a sort of waste of time. If the one making the petition must submit to God's will, as the minister explains when the matter is carried to him, why then not go serenely on with the duties of life and let God manage every thing according to His own plan? On the face of it that does seem reasonable, but only on the surface.

It is so hard for us to believe that some of our prayers ought never to be answered, and that one of these days we will be truly thankful they were, and yet that we should keep on praying, but when we apply the simple rules of common sense to the subject light breaks in at once. We cannot grant every request made of us here on earth, even to our best beloved friends, for many reasons, and sometimes if we could and did it would work to their harm instead of their good, and yet we think if anything isn't worth asking for it isn't worth having. That is a readily accepted rule of everyday life, so we should keep on sending our petitions up to God, even though the answer seems delayed.

But there is one prayer that never goes unanswered, and that is the sincere cry of the penitent soul to God for pardon and peace. Not once in all the history of the world has that cry been unheard or the petition refused. We may be sure that God will grant unto us every thing we ask for in faith, if we fulfill the conditions, even though sometimes we think we must wait long for the answer to come—Leaves of Light.

AS TO REVIVALS.

The churches are looking forward to the time of revivals. There may be a few exceptions, but not many. Some pastors are getting ready, and not a few are anxiously looking for the coming of the favored time, and asking what they can do to prepare for it.

The best way, and indeed the only successful way, to get ready for a revival is to use faithfully the regular means of grace. The pastor should give earnest attention to his own message and work. He should make sure that he reaches the hearts of the people with the simple but all-powerful message God has given him. With plainness, but in love and tenderness, he should declare the whole counsel of God, warn men of sin and danger, and point them to the Lamb of God. Faithful pastoral work should be done.

The church should rally to the support of the pastor, and use the stated means of grace to edify believers and impress the unawakened. These means faithfully employed will soon lead to such an interest in religious matters and such a quickening of the spiritual life.

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TAKE NOTICE.

of the church that special meetings will be demanded, and the revival will be an accomplished fact. For the pastor there is no better advice than Paul gave to Timothy: "Preach the Word; be in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine."—Pittsburg Christian Advocate.

MISSIONS.

We have a regular system for our Denominational work approved by our General Conference we must carry out these approved plans, in order for the greatest success and usefulness.

It does not pay to keep up a meeting house to use just once a month. There ought to be a Sabbath School in it every Sunday a weekly prayer meeting and preaching as often as possible.

We ought to push our efforts more energetically in the cities, to reach the unchurched masses that are found in all of them. With proper efforts we will soon have one, or more churches in each city and under God lead many to Christ.

Eld. S. H. Norman, member of the Foreign Mission Board, Clarksburg, W. Va., writes, "I am very much in favor of Eld. John S. Mercer and wife, as Missionaries to Africa. If there are any papers to be signed, I authorize you, or any other one of the Missionary Board to sign my name." Bro. N. is one of our National Evangelists and reports "I have been in the tent work this Summer and in revivals this Fall, with great success. Do you know of any good churches that would like to have a pastor?" We can cheerfully recommend him for pastor, or any other position in the church. The church that employs him gets double work, for Sister Norman is a full consecrated woman and throws her whole soul into her husband's earnest efforts to lead sinners to Christ. Address Eld. C. H. Norman, 963 Washburn St. Clarksburg, W. Va.

Knowledge is power, but knowledge like power is worth nothing if not put to use.

To The Free Will Baptist Denomination:

Greeting: You are hereby warned of one, so-called, C. A. Lewis, who is a religious fraud and who has no identity or connection with the F. W. B., but who has made a tour of the Flat Creek Association of Tenn., and also a partial tour of the Free Will Baptist Association of Ala., and as he goes he practices different kinds of lawless, by obtaining money from the people to pay express charges of free Bibles, claimed by him to be given away by some large Bible concern. He also obtains money in same manner for express on clothing to be given away by some Ladies aid society," in W. Va. You are hereby authorized to arrest body of said Lewis on suspicion, as the law directs to arrest suspicious characters, and hold a specified time and immediately notify Eld J. B. Webb, Waterloo, Ala., at my expense.

J. B. WEBB
Waterloo, Ala.
J. M. EMANUEL,
National Evangelist.

DON'T.

Don't dress for church or Sabbath school as you would dress for a party. Many a poor girl has been kept from Sabbath School because her clothes, the best she could afford, were in such marked contrast to those worn by the rest of the class. The Sabbath School room is a poor and glaringly inappropriate place for the display of one's wardrobe.

Don't be afraid of being too strict in your views regarding the life of a Christian. There is far greater danger of your being too lax in your views. Have the courage of your most profound convictions and you will grow in grace as well as in the high respect of those whose eyes are upon you.

Don't fail to "show your colors" by speaking a word for the truth and for the right whenever the opportunity offers. You are failing in your duty to yourself and to your God if you keep silence when you should speak the right word at the right time.—Round Table.