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Missionary Baptist Church, services every 2nd Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m. and at night, Rev. M. A. Adams, pastor. Sunday School at 9:30 p. m., M. M. Sault, Supt. Prayer meeting every Wednesday night.

Christiana Church, services every first Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m. and at night, Rev. C. B. Mashburn, pastor. Sunday School at 10 o'clock a. m., E. L. Brown, Supt. Prayer meeting every Thursday night.

M. B. Church South, services every 3rd Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m. and every 2nd Sunday night, Rev. F. C. Gilgore, pastor. Sunday School at 10 o'clock a. m., Leslie Turnage, Supt. Prayer meeting every Tuesday night.

St. James' Episcopal church, services every 1st and 3rd Sundays, morning and night, Rev. W. J. Pallford, rector. Sunday School every Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, H. G. Burton, Supt.

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### Be Diligent in Prayer.

First, when I feel that I am become cold and indisposed to prayer, by reason of other business and thoughts, I take my psalter and run into my chamber, or, if day and season serve, into the church to the multitude, and begin to repeat to myself—just as children used—the ten commandments, the creed, and, according as I have time, some sayings of Christ or of Paul, or some Psalms. Therefore it is well to let prayer be the first employment in the early morning, and the last in the evening. Avoid diligently those false and deceptive thoughts which say, wait a little, I will pray an hour hence; I must first perform this or that. For with such thoughts a man quits prayer for business that lays hold of and entangles him, so that he comes not to pray the whole day long.—Martin Luther

### PRINCIPAL OFFICE OF THE F. W. B. HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Ayden, N. C., Mar. 16, 1912

To the Clerks, or other persons knowing the facts, of Free Will Baptist Yearly Meetings, Conferences and Associations, please send as soon as possible, a sketch of your organization answering the following questions.

1. When, where and by whom was your first church organized and the number of members? Give a sketch of the ministers' life, if possible.
2. When was your Yearly Meeting Conference, or Association organized, with how many churches, ordained ministers, licensed ministers?
3. Do your churches all have Sabbath Schools, if not, how many have, and the number of scholars, and the number of A. C. F. Societies, and their aggregate membership?
4. Who was your first delegate to the General Conference?
5. How much do you raise annually for the Free Will Baptist Foreign Mission Society? Home Mission Society? State work? Education Society? General Conference expenses and the Historical Society?
6. Are, or have, any of your ministers been missionaries in Foreign lands? Home missionaries? If so in what states or countries?
7. Have you an institution of learning? If a college, or Theological school, who is president of it? If an Academy, who is principal? In either case what is the attendance?
8. Do your members generally take the FREE WILL BAPTIST? Did they patronize any of the papers that have gone down? Which of them?
9. What is your progress likely to be in the future?
10. Have many revivals occurred in your churches? In what years and under whose labors?
11. What is the number and aggregate value of your meeting houses? Your school property?
12. Are your people earnestly engaged in temperance and other reforms?
13. Are your ministers so well supported that they can give their whole time to the work of preaching of the Gospel?
14. How many of your preachers are Classical Graduates of colleges? Scientific? Theological? Do you have Minister's and Laymen's Conferences?
15. Have you had any divisions, oppositions, or other severe trials to pass through?
16. Have you now, or in the past, any members noted as authors? Orators? or Editors?
17. Do you know of any churches that are not as yet connected with a Quarterly Meeting Conference, or Association? If so give their names and history as nearly as you can obtain it?
18. Do you know of any Yearly Meetings, Conferences or Associations given in the

minutes of the Triennial General Conference? If so please name them and give their history, or refer us to their Clerks, or other persons who can.

19. How often do your churches commune and wash the Saints' feet?

20. When are your Annual Meetings held?

We have received no contributions for the Historical Society since the General Conference at Dunn, with the small amount we received there, we have bought a blank book in which to record the names of the constituent bodies, date of organization, name of Clerk and statistics. This we hope to make complete and accurate, but we cannot do this in full, without the co-operation and assistance of our brethren. This will be of great value in the preparation of our history. We regard this as a very important matter and as our funds for the Society are exhausted, we hope some good brethren will feel their duty to send Treasurer money sufficient to bear the necessary incidental expenses of the Society and all the facts bearing on our history that they can secure. Send all communications to, THOMAS E. PEDEN, Sec. Ayden, N. C.

### NEW ENGLAND NEWS.

DEAR EDITOR:—Will you allow a Vermonter space in your columns? The BAPTIST has been very interesting lately. One of the world's great needs to day, is men and women who can really think. Some one may say, well, we have large numbers of thinking people now. I am aware of the fact that there are a few people in the world who can think, but the number is smaller than we think for many times. It is sad, but yet it is true that our schools are not making thinkers of their students as is expected of them. Many fellows think if they can only get through school as quickly as possible, they are all right, whether they can think or not. There are too many people in the world to day who have been through some institution by cramming on examination. Securing an education does not necessary mean being confined to text books, but in learning how to think. For instance, even in the young people's prayer meetings we get an inside view of the situation, for many times we find them reading some clipping from the press which, many times has no connection with the subject. The fact is, we do not have to think; we do not try to think; we do not want to think, we do not have time to think, and the result is we do not think. The fact of its being true that men do not think in small things proves that they do not think in greater ones. A minister on one occasion was speaking to a man about attending services, and said, "Why is it you do not come to church?" The man in reply said, "Why, I

pay my part of your salary, and the money is what you are after." The minister in replying said, "Don't you suppose that I could get double the salary I get in preaching, with the ability I have?" The fellow then, in amazement said, "Well, I had not thought of that." The man who fails to think is robbing himself of some-thing he cannot in any way recover.

The preacher in his sermon says, "Well, I must take my sermon notes in the pulpit and preach from them." If the Lord did not intend for men to think, why in the name of common intelligence did he give them the brains which they possess? What any person ought to do, is to learn how to think regardless of their profession. There are some schools where the boy or girl has such a great amount of work to do until they haven't time to think. What does it amount to for a person to be in school going through a cramming process, unless that person has time to think? This system of memorizing the different studies, is practically useless, unless the fellow in doing so, learns how to think, for what the person needs, is a drawing out of his thinking faculties. If a fellow is going to amount to anything at this age of the world, he will certainly have to know how to think. It is an easy job to put something into a man's head, but it is another thing to get something out of his head. What we, as twentieth century men and women need to do, is to think how to think. There are many people to day who do not use their brains any more in trying to think than they use the gourd seed out of a dry gourd in trying to make thinkers of themselves. Some people in the world have let their brains remain idle until they have to have a note of the things their wives want when they go to town. Some times people are so far from being thinkers as to be as bad as the man who forgot who his father was. Many times teachers have things done in just some particular way, without letting the student understand that he must think for himself. Sometimes the teachers and students are crowded with so much work until the work has to be done in some quick way. It is the duty of every man, woman, boy and girl in our land to day to see to it, that they try to help in making thinking men and women of the coming generation. It is not so much especially the need of more schools and colleges, but the need is for these which we already have to emphasize the importance of their students being real thinkers. It will be but a short while before we will be called upon to give an account of the way we have used our brains in helping our fellowmen.

Best wishes to all the Baptist family. I am, as ever, L. B. GRICE, Montpelier, Vt.

### THE WEBB BILL—WHAT IS IT?

It has been printed and reprinted time and again in papers for the last two or three months. You will find a copy of it in our last issue. You may find it under the head of the Kenyon Shepherd Sheppard Bill, and there is virtually no difference in the two bills. Either one will accomplish exactly the same things,—neither more or less.

But in a word, this bill, which is an elastic bill, goes just as far to exterminate the liquor traffic as the various States go. It will mean one thing in North Carolina, another thing in Texas, and still another thing in Tennessee. It will mean one thing in Wake County, another thing in Union County and another thing in Mecklenburg County. And what it means to any community will depend altogether upon the State law governing the liquor traffic in that community.

If the State of North Carolina should ever say that it shall be unlawful to bring liquor within its borders, that bill would say no liquor shall be shipped into the State. In those counties where the State says more than a quart of liquor is evidence that it is held for illegal purposes, as in the Union County Act, then this act says not over a quart of liquor can be shipped into Union County. In Mecklenburg County, where the State law says that over three gallons is evidence that it is held for illegal purposes, this act says not over three gallons can be shipped into Mecklenburg County. And in other counties in the State where the amount held for personal use is not limited, this act would not limit the amount shipped into those counties for personal use. So that the proposition is an easy one.

Now, then, the thing for all North Carolina prohibitionists to do is to put themselves squarely behind this bill, help to push it through the committee and through Congress, and thus shift the solution of the liquor problem from the National law-makers to the State Legislatures everywhere. After we have done this, then we can take it up at Raleigh, and as sentiment demands and the State desires the Legislature having authority, can act. It is dead easy, brethren. Now get busy. The Anti Saloon League expects every man and woman to do his or her duty.—American Issue.

### TRUTH.

Never trifle with truth. A lie is bad, not only because it may lead others, but also because it is a fault in the character who utters it. Truth is the foundation and substance of character. When a man becomes a liar his character is gone. His whole life is out of joint. No one can trust him. He can not trust himself. He is like a bridge with a rotten foundation. He is not safe. He is an unsafe friend, an unsafe neighbor, an unsafe business man. "Buy the truth and sell it not."—Ex.

### THE BEAUTY OF NATURE.

BY M. A. WOODARD.

What a beautiful world this is that we live in, and how complete is all things shaped and carved by the active hand of nature.

Look around you and open your eyes in every way and you will see a sign painted, or an image formed by the finger of God, that far surpasses all the artificial works of man. We look at the flower and see within it the touch of nature's hand.

We see the mountains and our minds or at once carried back to the visitation of our Creator on Mt. Sinai.

We look at the ocean with its beautiful waves of snow billows rolling on and on until they smite the sandy shoals of their destination.

We listen to the beautiful voice of birds among the waving boughs of the forest, until our own hearts seem to play sweet music to the inward man.

We hear the murmur of silvery streams as they come silently down the hill side, making many glad hearts of thirsty creatures that bow down and take a sip of the life giving water.

We look up at the beautiful sky when the curtains (of darkness) clear away and the great scroll is rolled back to give us a clear view of the millions of worlds, that are sending their search lights to all the world in the brilliancy of glory and honor to the hand that placed them there. Who is he that cannot enjoy such a beautiful place as this grand world of ours?

I know I am the happiest little lonely creature in all the universe, because I see God in everything that my eyes behold.

I hear him in the rain-drops,  
 I see him in the sun,  
 I feel his presence every day  
 From early morn till setting sun.  
 I know he will be near me,  
 Through pleasures and through pain,  
 For I will trust Him all the way  
 And praise his holy name.  
 I feel him in the spring time  
 When birds begin to sing  
 The song that moves the nation,  
 To crown Him King of Kings.  
 I see him in the autumn,  
 When leaves begin to fall,  
 Like man in all his glory,  
 Closes at his call.  
 I see him in the sunset,  
 When flowers cease to bloom,  
 I see him at the close of life,  
 When man descends into the tomb.

### ADVICE TO A YOUNG MAN.

Remember, son, that the world is older than you are, by several years; that for thousands of years it has been so full of smarter and better young men than yourself that their feet stuck out of the dormer-windows; that when they died the old globe went whirling on, and not one man in ten million went to the funeral, or even heard of the death.

Be as smart as you can, of course. Know as much as you can, without blowing the packing out of your cylinder-head; shed the light of your wisdom abroad in the world, but don't dazzle people with it, and don't imagine a thing is so just because you say it is. Don't be so sorry

for your father because he knows so much less than you do; remember the reply of Doctor Wayland to the student of Brown University who said it was an easy enough thing to make proverbs such as Solomon wrote. "Make a few," tersely replied the old man. We never heard that the young man made any—not more than two or three, anyhow.

The world has great need of young men, but no greater need than the young men have of it. Your clothes fit you better than your father's fit him; they cost more money, they are more stylish, your mustache is neater, the cut of your hair is better, and you are prettier, oh, far prettier than "pa." But, young man, the old gentleman gets the bigger salary, and his homely, scrambling signature on the business end of a check will bring more money out of the bank in five minutes than you could get out with a ream of paper and a copper-plate signature in six months!

Young men are useful, and we all love them, and we couldn't engineer a picnic successfully without them. But they are not novelties, son. Oh, no, nothing of the kind. They have been here before. Do not be so modest as to shut yourself clear out, don't be so fresh you will have to be put away in the cool to keep from spoiling.

Don't be afraid that your merit will not be discovered. People all over the world are hunting for you; if you are worth finding they will find you. A diamond isn't so easily found as a quartz pebble, but people search for it all the more intently.—Bob Burdette.

### What Mary Gave.

She gave an hour of patient care to her little baby sister, who was cutting teeth. She gave a string and a crooked pin and a great deal of advice to the three-year old brother who wanted to play fishing. She gave Ellen, the maid, a precious hour to go and visit her sick baby at home, for Ellen was a widow and left her child at its grand-mother's while she worked to get bread for both. She could not have seen them very often if Mary had not offered to attend the door while she went away.

But this was not all that Mary gave. She dressed herself so neatly, and looked so bright and kind and obliging that she gave her mother a thrill of pleasure whenever she caught sight of the young, pleasant face. She wrote a letter to her father, who was absent on business. She gave patient attention to a long story by her grand-mother, and, when it was ended, made the old lady happy by a good-night kiss.

Thus she had given valuable presents to six people in one day; and yet she had not a cent in the world. She was as good as gold, and she gave something of herself to all those who came in touch with her all the livelong day.—Apples of Gold.