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Three Fork Baptist Church.

Mr. Eboron: I read with much interest a letter from Esq. W. L. Bryan regarding Three Forks church, which was published in the columns of your paper some weeks ago.

As Mr. Bryan truthfully said, Three Forks is the mother church in this county and association. Indeed I think it is the oldest Baptist church, or church of any kind, as for that, that was ever established in this section of North Carolina. It is an interesting fact that Three Forks church was constituted by some of the earliest settlers in this section of the State, nearly one hundred and twenty years ago. The old church record is quite well preserved, and the first minute is made as follows:

"A book containing (as may be seen in the covenant) & conduct of the Baptist church of Jesus Christ in Wilkes county North Carolina State New River Three Forks settlement which church being constituted November 6 day in the year of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ by the following brethren, viz: James Thompkins, Richard Green, Daniel Eggers, Ellender Green, William Miller, Phebe Eggers."

The record goes on, of this date, and gives names of four others added to the church by letter and by experience and baptism, among them "Lidia Counsel" and further states that it is agreed to have "stational meeting the first Saturday in each month." The minutes go on and give the monthly meetings as they occur.

It is evident, from the first, that the church membership is scattered over a wide extent of territory, while Three Forks of New River was the place of organization, yet, for convenience of the membership, it seems that the regular meetings were held some times at Cove Creek, or at Roan's Creek, or, probably, meetings would be at "Senter meeting house" or at "Old Field." These meeting places were called "arms of the church at Three Forks," and, according to records, regular churches were constituted at all these places as settlers moved to the communities and the church membership increased.

It is interesting to note that Cove Creek is the mother church of many of the old Baptist churches in the western portion of Watauga county, and that Roan's Creek church was about where Shouns or Mountain City, Tenn., are now. The old "Senter" church is about seven miles north of Jefferson, and "Old Field" church is in the eastern part of Ashe county nearly twenty miles from Boone. We find also that representatives from "Three Forks" church met with delegates from "Old Yaddin" church and constituted "Globe" church on John's River in Caldwell county, and with "Briar Creek" church in Wilkes county, and in the constitution of the "Lewis Fork" church, over twenty miles east, on the road to Wilkesboro.

Representatives were sent to aid in church work with Beaver Creek and King's Creek churches, both east of the Yadkin river, on road from Lenoir to Wilkesboro, and to churches on North Fork of New river, now Ashe county, and at Cob's Creek, on Roan's creek, now Johnson county, Tenn. Three Forks church, until about the year 1800 belonged to an association composed of a few Baptist churches scattered over all that part of North Carolina, from the Catawba river to the Virginia State line on

the borders of Surry county near Mt. Airy, and from Salisbury nearly to where Abington, Va., now is. Delegates would be sent to the associations, sometimes, 100 miles, or more, through the untrodden forests.

Now, as Esq. Bryan invited discussions of his suggestions, I mention the facts above in support of his allusion to Three Forks church as a "mother" of churches in this county and association. Truly this old church is a mother of Baptist churches in this and adjoining counties, and extending into our neighboring State of Tennessee. We have among us, over Watauga county, many descendants of the bold pioneers who settled this county and established this old church and worshiped God so faithfully through all these years of trials. They were the ancestors of many of our best citizens, and I would be glad to see some action taken to honor the memory of these sturdy and earnest christians who were so devoted to their every duty.

Esq. Bryan expresses a desire to see a new church building constructed on the site of that old church, so long used as such. Let me say that we, of Three Forks, realize that we must erect a new house of worship in the very near future, and that I am confident that steps will be taken soon to provide for its construction. I earnestly desire to see the church undertake the construction of a good, substantial house of worship, such a building as would be a fitting memorial of those hardy pioneers and their action in selecting this spot for a place of worship in the vast wilderness. I have thought too, and make the suggestion now, that when such a building should be erected on this particular site, I would favor engraving the first minute as entered on the church record, with date of the construction and names of members, as given above, on a suitable and substantial tablet, and post it in some appropriate place about the new building.

In my opinion many of our people who are the descendants of these earnest and devoted christian settlers, and many others who may be able to trace family connection, or church connection directly to this sturdy little band of christians that established itself at this beautiful spot on the banks of New river, in the closing years of the 17th century, will feel a personal interest in this enterprise, and I do not doubt that very many brethren, sisters and friends will be pleased to contribute of their means to construct a building on this old site that, we may hope, will be a lasting monument to our ancestors and their achievements. I earnestly believe that it is a sacred obligation on us to take up this burden, and I trust that we may accept and carry it out in a fitting way.

If our friends, and brethren and sisters of this association, and territory, should take an interest in this enterprise and desire to contribute to it, I feel that I may assure every one that all will be thankfully received, and applied to make it a success, to the honor of our Creator's name.

As to Mr. Bryan's suggestion for adoption of a suitable place, centrally located in our territory for a permanent location for future annual meetings of the Association, let me say that I find many of our people would favor that plan. If such action should be taken and Three Forks church should be considered a suitably located and otherwise adapted to the purpose, I am sure that the responsibility would

be accepted with pleasure, and discharged as best we may be able.

J. C. HORTON,
Boone, N. C., Aug. 18.

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Wilkes Patriot: In the course of his address here last week before the old Confederate veterans, Gen. Julian S. Carr, of Durham, paid a glowing tribute to our countryman, Mr. Henry Hayes, of Gilreath. He said that Mr. Hayes was the bravest and most fearless soldier in the Confederate army. Always alert to duty he was first to respond to any emergency call and farthest in battle. When comrades were cut down beside him Mr. Hayes never faltered, but pushed to the front and leaped in the thickest of battle. After the address Mr. Hayes was ushered up the aisle and introduced to General Carr, who with tears in his eyes, proudly embraced him. To have seen these two, gallant sons of '61, who for four years struggled for a lost cause, meet and exchanged greetings was truly pathetic to the onlooker.

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"I suppose, Mrs. Henpecker, that you and your husband live happily together."
"You bet we do. I would like to see Henry try to live unhappily with me."—Louisville Herald.

Letter from Retreat, Ark.

Mr. Eboron: We have had a very wet season, but crops look well. It is very hot and dry now. All kinds of vegetables do well here except sweet potatoes. Melons and peannts are in the lead. We live on the Boston mountains, which is the Southern slope of the Ozark mountains. This is an undeveloped section of the state, but the price of land is advancing rapidly. The older settled part of the State is developing very fast. Men are coming from Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri and other states and are settling in the central and southern part of the State and going into farming and stock-raising, and people are beginning to raise grass in all parts of the State. But the rice industry is claiming more attention in the low lands than any other crop. There are thousands of acres being drained, and where there were hundreds of acres planted in rice last year, there are thousands of acres planted this year. We lay no great stress on this country as a corn country, but statistics show that North Carolina made an average of 13 4-10 bushels per acre, Arkansas made 17 8-10 bushels per acre. Crab grass, cuckle burrs and sarsafra grow to perfection. People are beginning to raise stock in Arkansas. One man shipped 104 car loads of cattle from an adjoining county last year. One county sold one hundred thousand dollars worth of mules last year.

Well, Mr. Editor, I see in your paper and others that Governor Patterson has made war on the ministers of Tennessee. That shows where he expects to get his support from. He knows it must come from the liquor element and the rough and toughs, such as he pardoned—men who oppose the principles for which that noble statesman and patriot, Mr. Carmack, was a martyr. Some good men may vote for Patterson, but I can't see how. I have been personally acquainted with a very great many preachers and, with few exceptions, they have been the best men I ever knew. Christ said to his disciples, "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid" but Patterson would hide them away. In the great commission those disciples were to carry the gospel to all the world. Then we hear Paul saying, "The Gospel is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." But Patterson would destroy the influence of Christ's ministers who are trying to give such men as he and his pardoned criminals the gospel. Patterson thinks the ministers are all against him. Everybody else think that all the good people are against him. And now to the good people of Tennessee. If you vote for Governor Patterson, never talk temperance any more, for that will draw the line and put you on the whiskey side.

A. ROTEN.

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Ann Anna asked her little nephew what he would like to give his cousin for his birthday.
"I know," he answered, "but I ain't big enough."—The Delineator.

The Goddess of Harvest.

Orange (Va.) Observer.
Ceres, the goddess of harvests, is smiling as benignly as a fresh young maiden upon her wedding morn, and is beckoning the husbandman on to glorious golden results in a bountiful return to the tillers of the soil. Observations from car windows through the states of north Carolina and Virginia reveal a most interesting picture of the prospects of the coming crop gathering. Luxuriant fields of cereals and fruits give to the eyes a pleasing and cheering prospect of full granaries and bins. The cattle upon a thousand landscapes browse in fields of flourishing green, and the very hills, in their garb of emerald, seem to sing a psalm of joy and thanksgiving. There is much in this world to be thankful for, yet how oft do we forget, in the busy, hurly burly age to give the heart time for adoration to a beneficent Heavenly Father, who is more merciful to the children of men, than earthly parents are to their offspring. This world is so full of beauty, goodness, cheer and love, if we will only stop in our mad rush for wealth and pleasure to take it in—look at the bright side of the picture, instead of turning it around to find its defects and complain and grumble over them. "Every prospect pleases, only man is vile." The song of humanity should be the one of the Psalmist: "Praise the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me praise His holy name."

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