

The Biblical Recorder

RALEIGH, N. C. THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, 1859.

Persons writing to us on business would confer a great favor by giving their Post Office address; also that of each individual for whom they write.

SPECIAL NOTICE: The Recorder is conducted strictly upon the Cash system. All papers are discontinued at the expiration of the time for which they have been paid.

Transient Advertisements must be inserted in the Recorder, and accompanied with the money intended to be spent for their publication, and we will always do them full justice.

The Editor is still absent, which is our apology for the lack of editorial matter. His correspondents will receive attention on his return.

Individual Duty.

Every Baptist ought to feel deeply impressed with a sense of his and her own individual duty. It should be made a matter of serious and prayerful inquiry of God by every one.

And why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say? Not every one that saith unto me Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

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things, and consequently do not derive that nourishment which is so necessary to their growth in grace, and in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Bible should be read prayerfully. The Holy Spirit should be sought that he may enable the reader to understand what he reads, that He may open his eyes to behold "wondrous things" out of the law of God.

It is the duty of every Baptist to contribute of his substance for the support and spread of the Gospel. The whole world is the field. There are even in North Carolina many sections of country where there are no regular Baptist preaching, and in some places none at all.

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Flat River Association. This body met with the Amis Chapel church in Granville Co., commencing on Tuesday the 16th inst. We expected to have received an account of the transactions of the Association for insertion in this issue of the Recorder; but in this we have been disappointed.

Chowan Female Collegiate Institute, Murfreesboro', N. C. Mr. Editor:—Permit me to present to your readers a single fact in relation to the above-named Institution, which I am persuaded has not been presented, heretofore, as prominently as it deserves.

While all who visit the Institution agree that it is in advance of most others in its educational facilities, the question is sometimes asked, why make so large an investment and provide such ample facilities so far "down the country," in a locality from which the inhabitants of the "up-country" are excluded by the apprehension of its unhealthiness?

Hence they selected a location, which, in that region at least, is undoubtedly healthy, and have built there an Institution, and furnished it with such appliances as were demanded for the education of their own daughters, not expecting a large patronage from other localities.

Yours in christian love, A. D. BLACKWOOD. August 16th, 1859.

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Church Consecrated. A new house of worship, near Red Plains in Yadkin county, to be known as Enon Baptist Meeting House, was dedicated on the first Sunday of this month.

Resolved, 1st. That we as a church, bow with a deep sense of our loss, and pray God that he would sanctify it to our every good, and that we may be ready when called on, to stand before His bar.

Resolved, 2nd. That we tender to the bereaved widow, our sister, and children, our brethren, our sympathies and prayers, that God may sustain and support them in their sad bereavement, and enable them through faith to say, "The Lord's will be done."

Resolved, 3d. That the Clerk be instructed to furnish sister Barnett with a copy of these resolutions, spread them upon the minutes of our church book, send a copy to the Mississippi Baptist for publication, and that the Biblical Recorder, of N. C., be requested to copy.

Resolved, That while we recognize the hand of "Him that sitteth upon the throne on high," in the death of our esteemed fellow-member, and while we are "taught thence in humbler reverence to bow before the Holy One," yet we cannot but shed a tear of sorrow over the new-made grave of one whose hopes, once so fair, have been lately forever blasted.

Resolved, That during his short, but honorable career at the University, his industry and perseverance as a student, were worthy of imitation, while his excellent qualities, kindness of heart, unstained morals, and manly bearing, won for him the esteem and admiration of all who knew him.

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mission to the dispensations of an all-wise Providence, yet we deeply deplore and mourn our loss, and pray that we may ever be able to place that estimate upon departed worth, that will induce us to practice the virtues of those we loved in Christ, for Christ's sake. There fore

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It is justly counted one of our highest attributes as men, that we are spirits; and it is the chief glory of our religion that it is a spiritual religion. Yet we may not forget that we have bodies as well as souls, and that we must render to God a bodily as well as a spiritual service. We are not to understand Paul as speaking altogether by a metonymy when he says, "Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto God."

Religion does not consist entirely in prayer, devout meditation, and holy emotion, in spiritual exercises of repentance, faith, hope, joy. Religion is indeed a fountain in the soul, and these are the waters. But it is at the same time a living fountain, with running waters—perpetual streams that flow out on all around. An essential part of religion is to do good to others; to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, to minister to the sick, to instruct the ignorant, to relieve the distressed, and to hold up the bowed down. These things are not to be done by our engaging in mere spiritual exercises, by giving ourselves up to meditation and prayer, and devout contemplation of the glory of God.

There is significance, too, in what the Apostle says of "sacrifice." The gospel seems to require that both in giving and doing for the cause of Christ, we should go to the point of self-denial. Otherwise we are not like Christ, and do not give the evidence of being Christ's. The man of wealth may give annually his thousands, and yet not come up to the gospel standard. He must give until he begins to feel it—until, in order to give as much as he wants to, he is obliged to forego some accustomed pleasure. He must make a sacrifice. So the man in perfect health may do very many things, requiring him to work with his hands, and to walk with his feet and to employ his various bodily powers, very much too, to the benefit of the suffering and the needy, and yet make no sacrifice therein. In the exuberance of physical health, all that he does may be mere pastime to him. But let the heats of summer oppress him, let the call of duty arrest him when languor pervades his frame, and when flesh and blood say no, let them have to choose between the excursion of pleasure and a visit to the sick, or a long and tiresome walk to hunt up work for some poor laborer that has been thrown out of employment, and he will begin to understand what Paul means by giving the body as a sacrifice. We are not of course needlessly to injure our bodies and impair our health. But let us also beware how we flatter ourselves that we are fulfilling the law of love when we do nothing but what we find perfectly agreeable and pleasurable, when in the service of Christ we never have an ache or a pain.—S. S. Times.

The Sabbath. One of the surest tests of a vital, living Christianity is the reverence for the Sabbath with which it inspires its professors. God, in his government of the Jewish church, especially enjoined upon his people the strict and real observance of the appointed day of rest,—as belonging exclusively to himself, and to be devoted to his service and his honor.

The work is neatly printed, and contains 244 pages, together with an index, and "questions for the several lessons, (20), for the benefit of those who use the work as a text book." For sale by Gould and Lincoln, Boston; and Sheldon & Co., New York.

DEMINOMINATIONAL ISOLATED: The Introductory Sermon preached before the Georgia Baptist State Convention, April 22, 1859, by C. D. Mallory. Published by request of the Convention.

We have also received a "Review of Dr. Pierce's Baptismal Tract for Family Use," by Rev. Joseph Walker, Editor of Christian Index; and "Both Sides: A full Investigation of the Charges against Elder J. R. Graves by R. B. C. Howell and others." Both "Sides" contains 238 pages. Price \$1 for three copies.

A BAPTIST CHURCH PURCHASED.—On the Island, South Washington, the young and enterprising society of Baptists, under the pastoral charge of Rev. Mr. Meador, has purchased the venerable "Shuloh" meeting house, and intend to improve it as far as to correspond with other churches.

Death by the accidental Discharge of a Gun. Henry Rayner, a son of the Hon. Kenneth Rayner, was instantly killed in Raleigh, near his father's residence, on Friday, the 19th inst., by the accidental discharge of a shot gun, while engaged in bird hunting.