First year's Experience on the Circuit—Ruth-erford County and its People—Winrows— Visit to a Dying Man—Love for the Work —En Route to Conference—Bishop Soule at Florence, Ala—Sent to Nashville.

That was a memorable day when left the paternal roof, and started for my first circuit. Never was I more deeply impressed with a sense of my incompetency. Away I jour neyed astride a well stuffed saddle bags, underneath a broad-brim hat, over the hills of Smith county, through the cedar glades of Wilson county, across the Stone river into the rich lands of Rutherford, What apprehensions, what strange imagraings, what hopes and fears as to the future of this new epoch in life's pil-grimage. I was timid, afraid of every body and every thing. I knew but little of the Bible, but little of man-kind and but little of the character of my work. A change of wearing apparel in my saddle bags, two or three skeletons of sermons in my side pocket, an umbrella and overcoat, was my stock in trade. Of course I was not much of a preacher. But according to the fashion of the times, the Methodist church had taken me up, as it did others, to rough-hew, shape and polish the rough materials into travelling preachers. My theological school was among the churches and people of the circuit, my study was in the saddle. I had a list of the appointments left by my predecessor, which I had to find as best I could. I reached the circuit at Fishers, six miles from Murfreesboro. There I preached, with much trepidation, my first sermon. Under the patriarchal root of Bro. Fisher, I felt that I still had a home on earth. I went on from day to day, making new experiences and finding new homes at every turn. O what tears marked every mile of the zigzag windings of my first round on that circuit. The second round added to my experience, and multiplied the number of my homes. Often my fears and apprehensions were turned into

joy and triumph. For instance, I preached at Winrow's a cold snowy day to a very small congregation. Mr. Winrow introduced himself and his wife with the remark, "Well wife, here comes another dandy preacher." "Where do you see anything dandyfied about me?" "Look at that overcoat and them big buttons, and that hair all standing up strait on the top of your head. But you must go home with me. My wife will give you a terrible lecture about your dress, and your pride. I don't expect to feed your of the church here. Nor was it with horse; and I doubt whether my wife out much sorrow and even some will give such a dandy preacher as misgivings; for we are all liable to you are anything to est. But you mistakes in interpreting God's provmust go with me and take the chances. I'ts of no use to refuse." There was no invitation to go any where else. So I summoued up al the heroism that was left in me and went home with that man not knowing what would be my fate. Never did I receive more distinguished hospitality. Instead of "a terrible lect-ure" from his wife, I received from that sister, nothing but smiles, sym pathy, and encouragement. My circuit of stone not to be warmed into strong environed the town of Murficesborro, and brought me before some of the finest congregations that assembled in Rutherford county, and in contact with the finest society of Middle Tennessee. I fell into the hands of wealthy, cultivated and judicious brethren, who had the good sense and the charity to bear with my imperfections, and to guide me along my untried pathway. This was a year of great profit and improve-

A memorable incident occured this year at a camp-meeting near Murreesboro. I was aroused at 2 o'clock in the hight to visit a dying young man, four miles away. Bro. Smith was my guide along the familiar by-paths of the intervening county to the home of the dying man. He was if you think such a sinner as I am can be saved, pray for me. I have had a pious example, but heeded it not. Last week I was deeply conmadness I was guilty of thus to forever, and I fear that I have sin ned away my day of grace. If you think it is possible for me to be saved, pray for, and tell me what to do to ant minister was the greatest of human glories, to suffer for Good the greatest human happiness, and Methodist preacters the noblest class of manking.

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parasols. One of the funniest and to His glory in the upbuilding of His wildest of that crowd was Tom.
Smith, the presiding Elder. He tion of precious souls now dead in reigned his horse into the thickest of the crowd, and said, "They say that Jones has got up to the stars the first year. When a young man gets to soaring among the stars the first year, the rule is to send him to town." I thought it was a joke. But Smith meant it. At any rate I was, sure enough, sent to the biggest town in the Conference. I always regarded it as a reproof, rather than a compliment, as the act of an enemy, rather than a friend. Perhaps it was a wrong impression; but I felt that because the presiding Elder had not the capacity to climb to the stars, he was very willing to see any young man who was rash enough to venture up there, tall and break his neck. Bishop Soule presided at the Florence Conference. He was ven-erable in years, but vigorous and robust, tall, dignified, polished and eloquent. His sermon on Sunday, upon "the exceeding great and prec-ious promises," was a very fine thing. The plan was excellent, and the delivery splendid. From that Conference I was sent to Nashville under

J. B. McFerrin. The Conference being over, the preachers were again in their saddles homeward bound. The visitors to the horse races in Florence were leaving about the same time. The next day about a dozen preachers stopped on the road and ordered dinner. At the table, the brethren became first jovial, and then very wild and uproarious. The lady at the head of the table, who had been reticent up to that time, remarked, gentlemen, I presume you are just from the races." To which remark here was not word of reply. A few sly glances passed across the table. We dispatched our meal in total silence, and wer glad enough to get out and comment up the reproof, and to wonder whether it was intentional or accidental. In either case it was a rebuke that did some of us good, for a long time afterwards.

REUBEN JONES. Churchland, Va.

# For the Recorder LETTER FROM GREENSBORO.

Dear Bro. Bailey:

In obedience to what seemed to be the clear indications of Divine providence, I left my field of labor in the counties of Wake and Moore on the first day of April, to take charge idences. I say with much sorrow; for how could it be otherwise, when one was leaving some of the best people on earth, whose kindness manifested in so many and so various ways evinced their affection so forcibly and so feelingly that even the veriest skeptic could not doubt their disintered regard for one who had tarried so short a time with them. Indeed one must have had a heart affection, especially when so MANY of them seemed oblivious of self in thinking of, and careing for, their pastor. Their sympathy in all his trials, his auxieties and his labors, their earnest desire to render his work easy and pleasant, to make the inner and outer man comfortable and bappy, their readiness for every word and work; their punctuality in the services of God's house and their hearty appreciation of the efforte made for their good, expressed not in words of flattery, but in their tear-ful attention to the word and in their ncreased zeal and liberality in every thing pertaining to the Master's cause, ALL combined to render the severance of the cord which bound me to them the harder to be borne. Some of them, I doubt not, are already supplied with another pastor, and may the Lord so direct his comings-in and goings-out among them as to glorify himself in all things

coat and umbrella tied on behind under favorable circumstances. Hope his saddle, his legs wrapped in gam-baters, and his head sheltered with is active and zeal is not wanta broad-brim hat. This company in the distance, had the appearance of a cavalcade marching underneath of us all, (for I am now one of them) trespasses and sins.

I find Greensboro quite a pretty place, adorned with many handsome residences and with a beautiful profusion of evergreens and flowers. Its location on so many hills with no unsightly ravines and with good water, must make it healthy; and its good schools, good society and great religious advantages together with its accessibility to every part of our country render it especially desirable as to a place of residence. Our Missionary, T. B. Urawford, from Ohina, has been with us on his way to the Southern Baptist Convention. He spent several days here and was pleased to give us several lectures, (the "China Mission, Race Peculiarities, and the China man in America, what to do with him,") which evinced a great deal of thought and careful study and which endeared our people very greatly to him and his work. It is thought that much fruit in increased contributions for the toreign field will be

the result of his visit to our place. The RECORDER is greatly prized here and and we hope to extend its circulation even beyond the limits of the church members. The Lord bless you and your great work.

T. HARRISON.

### di a can was For the Recorder. SOUTH WESTERN UNION MEETING.

The South Western Union Meeting of the Raleigh Association assembled with the church at Inwood, Friday and Saturday, 28th and 29th T. Harrison, who was appointed to preach the Introductory sermon. Rev. Allen Betts preached.

After preaching, took a short recess, after which the Union was called to order by the Moderator, Bro. D. B. Holland, and opened with prayer by Rev. J. R. Maynard, J. B. Strain appointed Reading Clerk, roll of churches called and delegates

enrolled, and out of 17 churches 12 were represented. : Ordained ministers present J. C. Marcom, Allen Betts, S. W. Mitchell. J. R. Maynard and P. R. Jones.

Licentiates: H. W. Norris. Superintendents of S. Schools Hiram Weatherspoon, D. B. Holland, and Anderson Betts.

The time for which the Moderator and Clerk were elected having expired, Bro. Daniel B. Holland was unanimously elected Moderator for the ensuing year, and M. A. Sexton elected Clerk and Treasurer for the same time.

Minutes of last meeting read, corrected, and approved. Committee on Religious Exercises: Pastor and descous of lawood

Committee on Finance: P. H. Barbee and J. H. Dupree. The report of the Executive Com mittee was made special order for 10 entiments of . worrow.otiasols's Queries were then accepted for dis-

On motion of Rev. H. W. Norris the Union and Institute will hereafter be held alternately, and by consent of the Moderator of the Institute, the Union to occupy the whole time of the present session.

Adjourned to to morrow 9 o'clock, and we have never known high on

BATURDAY MORNING, 9 O'clock The Union was called to order by the Moderator, and opened with prayer by Rev. H. W. Norris. List of churches called and other On motion, the appointment of the place for the next meeting, and also ministers to preachathe Introductory and Missic lary sermons, was left to the Executive Committee. Ten o'clock having arrived, the special order was postponed antil er found the sweet morsel not spellas

ened and increased among them. I a brother thus in error; if he refuse

the funds as may be deemed necessary for the purpose of preparing at least two preaching places in the south eastern portion of the Union, Rev. Allen Betts to superintend the preparation of these places.

Query No. 5, "What should be done with members who are in the habit of going into and dram drinking in dram shops and drinking saloous "was then taken up and discussed by brethren Allen Betts, N. B. Broughton and others. Answered

as No. 4. The thanks of the body were then tendered to the brethren and friends of Inwood church for their hospita-Adjourned, to 94 o'clock, A. M.

Owing to the inclemency of the weather, there were very few assembled at the church on Sunday-no regular services.

Thus ended a meeting of the Union

which will long be remembered by those whose privilege it was to at-tend. D. B. HOLLAND, Mod'r. M. A. SERTON, Clerk.

# LETTER PROM VIRGINIA. portion of cor State think it there

Dear Recorder : a talent at the

Three acts passed by the Legisla ture of Virginia promise to give new life to Richmond. The passage of the Bill in regard to the State debt, the building of the new railroad up the line of the James river valley on the path of the old canal, and the reduction of the tobacco tax. Spring trade opens well and the business men seem cheerful and hopeful. That merchants' excursion last summer introduced many North Carolina merchants to Richmond, and they seem to like the Richmond market.

In spite of these prosperous signs, the voice of the croaker is still heard in our streets. To hear him wail out pleased. On the 4th Sanday night his complaints for half an hour, about high taxes and the state of the country, you would verily think crowded house. I found the few the day of ruin is about to dawn. | members there greatly rejoiced at But, thank heaven, the croaker is not heeded. A spirit of cheerfulness pervades our city, and life and activity are manifest in almost every place. There is a large amount of building going on, and among them some fine buildings are being erected.

kev. Dr. Geo B. Taylor, Missionary to Italy, has been in Richmond for two weeks. His arrival here gave great pleasure to many hearts. He was brought up in this city, and is known to multitudes of the Baptists. There was a great desire to give him a public reception soon after his arrival, and a meeting was appointed for that purpose at Grace Street, his old mother church, but failed on account of Dr. Taylor's sickness. A second meeting was afterwards set for what proved to be one of the most stormy nights. In spite of the blinding storm quite a number come, but the service was postponed. Dr. Taylor reached America in bad bodily condition, but his general health is good. He has not a single white hair in his whiskers, and very few of any kind on his head. He goes to New York to-day to collect funds for his chapel in Rome. He will be at the Convention in Atlanta, and Raleigh ought to try

to catch him on the fly. Rev. Dr. D. B. Winfree, of Manchester has resigned his church in that city and has been aiding in some protracted meetingsud He is now in Portsmonth, and I suppose will remain to aid paster Owen of the Court Street church in a meeting which he has just commenced. Dr. Winfree is a most excellent preacher and as far as I can learn has as yet received no call to another field. If any of the Baptist pastors of North Carolina should desire the services of an excellent preacher to aid them in any of their protracted meetings this spring or summer, I think it probable he could be induced to pay hem a visit, though the writer has

no idea what his plans are. We are all quite charmed with Bro. Reuben Jones. His pieces in the RECORDER certainly invest the ng countens ice to those of us who ed the Doctorate, but he has received

his "Reminiscences" he is proving be sayed." The mental anguish of that yeang man I can never forget. O how titterly he depretated his folly. We prayed and pointed his tolly the Lamb of God. I learned at the was the difficulties in the Yean and the life of an anguish of the Lamb of God. I learned at the was held of the wants of the Lamb of God. I learned at the was held with the church at Pleasant terwards that he died a hisply terlieve in the florid Jesus. That deem hand prepared before hand becomes thoroughly enthisted its my work. I felt that the life of an itiuer, and minister was the greatest human happiness, and their leving hearts with the series of revival in the back are several times the series of revival in the back and received. In the better an entities of an inspired from above. But is made and received. In the better and the present the branch of the was the offered and received. In the better are not forgetful of the wants of the branch in the best of the human series the series of revival in the branch the great of the third the burden of the wants of the branch the greatest of the third the burden of the was the offered and received. In the best has the branch the great of the flat of the wants of the branch the great of the flat of the want of the chiral times the series of the flat of the great of the flat of the great of the grea son, members of this church, aided in exhortations and otherwise. This meeting resulted in about 80 additions to the church by baptism. This is the third protracted meeting which the present pastor has held with this church within the past four years, aggregating in all over six months time, and all of them resulting to what is the relation existing between about and its baster, and

is that scattereth and yet increaseth." I had the pleasure of meeting in Richmond during the meetings of the Baptist Publication Society, Rev. H. Petty, the author of Lena Landon. A recent reading of that book acquaints me with its high merit. It is an earnest, warm-hearted, genuine Baptist book, and ought to be in all our Sunday School libraries. In addition to its intrinsic merits it is gracefully and beautifully gotten up, and would adorn as it would enrich any parlor library. I hope he will pardon this unsolicited allusion to his book which I had much happi-

ness in reading.

Let me say that the Recorder grown better and better, and that my are and family half its weekly visits with growing interest and in-

Yours truly, Richmond, Va.

WHAT OUR MISSIONARIES ARE DO

Bro. J. H. Booth, who labors at Dallas, in Gaston county, tells us that he is "now feeling more than ever encouraged with regard to" his work at this place. "The congregation there is increasing and the prayer meeting growing in interest. We did not protract from last Sunday, as we had hoped to do, from the fact that the minister who was to help us could not be there. Hope to protract very soon." The Baptists have a good lot in Dallas, but it is in the wrong part of town, and they propose to sell and buy a better

"The prospects in our new Association (South Fork,) are brightening. Our Union Meeting, a new thing tor this section of country, which was held with Mt. Ruhama church the 5th Sunday in March, was a decided success. All seemed to be well in March I preached in the Baptist the prospect of having Bro. Jones to settle among them as their pastor. On the next day I stopped a few hours at Newton. Found the sisters there much encouraged."

Bro. W. T. Jordan is doing a most excellent work at Lumberton, Laurinburg, Shoe Heel and Rockingham. You have recently seen so many reports from this field and are so well posted as to Bro. J.'s work, the large ngathering, the bright outlook, &c., that I will say no more of it until my next. Surely no part of our State has been any more highly favored than has this.

Bro. Wm. S. Fontaine, one of our

missionaries in the Beulah Association, says that he has much to encourage bim on his field. "There are 38 members" of the church at Sharon, "2 received for baptism, and 2 converts who will join us. course without a stove no school can be kept up in the winter. Last Sunday I preached twice, morning and evening, to large congregations. The discouraging part is that the neighborhood is split up inte so many denominations. Christians, (O'Kellyites.) Protestant Methodists, Episcopal Methodists and Hard shell Baptists. The first three have inculcated for years that it did not matter what arm of the church a man joined; so that he had leve; but all with one consent denonuced the Baptist as bigoted, illiberal and schismatic, in refusing to commune with the Lord's people in the other arms of his church. These things had their effect upon the people, and around from house to house; and from the pulpit, to instruct them in the doctrines of the New Testament All the members are now steadfast in Baptist doctrines, and the com mon sentiment of the anconverted in the neighborhood is verging to the same point. This is encouraging " Bro. H. A. Brown, who labors at Winston and the surrounding country, bas preached 23 sermous, at tended 17 prayer-mertings, visited 60 familes, buptized 1, received by letter 2, paid on church \$40, raise

of the best and most efficient Sanday pupils with 10 teachers. Upon the JOHN E. RAY.

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tion 5.

The speakers urged the pastors to suggest ways and it being mighty, must prevail, and means of christian effort, and to ger now, then before the Clay preach the whole gospel; and increased that the churches give their our State of a more self-denying and in Not so many, books, not so many.

pastors their sympathy, co-operation, and a pecuniary support.

Then followed a discussion of the query: What is the duty of the churches to superannuated ministers in indigent circumstances? The opinion prevailed that it is our duty to provide for their comfortable sup-

The following resolution was read

and, on motion, adopted:

Resolved, That we earnestly request the churches composing this Union to take up a collection, at an early day, for the benefit of Elder Samuel Morton, and to forward the same to Elder G. W. Harmon, Secretary of the Union.

The subject of missions was dis-Elder B. Sanders reported his la-bors at Cool Spring. The church new numbers 20 and the Sunday

School 30 members. At a meeting of the Executive Board an appropria tion of \$20 was made to this church, to assist them in the support of their

pastor during the present year.

Permission being granted, the writer addressed the Union on the subject of Ministerial Education, and \$31.70 were raised in cash and subscriptions to assist Bro. Bunyan Morton in obtaining an education at Wake Forest, preparatory to the work of the ministry. A good degree of interest was manifested, and more will be raised during the year.

Elder A. E. Bennett spoke in high terms of Bro. Daniel Austin, who is also at Wake Forest preparing himself for the great work of preaching the greatel. the gospel. We expect to assist him also, whenever he needs our help. God be thanked for these and other young men whom He is raising up to take our places in the ministry.

On motion, it was resolved to hold the next session of the Union with

cing at 11 A. M., Friday before the fifth Sunday in June. and the well being of our churches to make collections at every stated meeting? First speaker, Bro. W.

the Brown Creek church, commen-

D. Gulledge. Is the Sunday School a part of the work of the church; if so, is it the duty of each member to take a part ? First speaker, Bro. P. T. Gaddy. Is it the duty of church members to take the BIBLICAL RECORDER!

First speaker, James Elake. Essays to be Prepared and Read.

On Education-E. S. Lathrop. On Missions-Dr. H. R. Allen. Elder W. G. Rollins was appointed to preach the Introductory and Elder G. W. Harmon the Missionary

The meeting was pleasant and harmonious, and I hope that much good will be the result. I wish again to urge the brethren of the Union to come up to these meetings, and help us in the great work in which we are engaged. The Master is calling for more eacuest, united effort on the part of His people. Let us be found at the rost of duty. G. W. HARMON, Sec'y.

> For the Rocorder. FROM THE SOUTH YADKIN.

Dear Bro. Bailey: but al ma too Agreeable to promise, I will now rite you a few lines from my adopted home. I am pleasantly situated within a few hundred yards of Cool Spring Academy. Professor John Ducket, a cholarly gentleman, is the principal of the school; he has a very good school and is generally beliked by all who know him; be is characterized for his firmness and decision in all matters with which he has to do, and those desiring to give their children an education cannot do better than to place them under the tutorage of this scholarly and christian gentleman. There is connected with this school a writing department, conducted by Mr. John A. Butler, where the pupils are taught to use the pen according to true principles. have a pleasant and desirable field for ministerial lavors, and the only thing necessary for a man to do in order to succeed is be willing to work in those departments in which a minister is expected to labor. The Society through this section is good and its general intelligence is above ordinary; a l seem to take more tha

morality and virtue, and a higher standard of piety. Our church houses are generally filled with or-derly and attentive hearers, which tends to lighten the burdens that so often fall as an incubas upon the minister. An other thing that tends to relieve the burdens of pastoral

you find such men at the helm as a Holmon, Clements, Turner, Lindsey and Frost, backed up by a host of others just as persevering, we may look for great things at no distant day. The Baptists are gaining

NUMBER 42 cross-bearing spirit among our breth-ren; and I pray God the day is not far distant when every brother shall realize he has something to do for

the Master, be his talents ever so small. Oh! that every member of the great brotherhood could feel that the Master is speaking to each as individuals, when he says, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Then shall we hear the clarion voice of gospel sounding forth from every hill and vale, making glad the hearts of the sons of men who now sit in the regions of darkness; then shall we hear the songs of solemn praise as they go up to God from hearts lighted up by His benign love, and see multitudes that now run to do evil, crowding the sanctuary of our God. Yours in love,

WM. J. FULFORD.

Cool Spring, N. C.

## For the Recorder. WHAT IT IS TO BE A WIDOWER.

An old piece worked over. To be a widower is no more to hear about him the soit footsteps, and rustling robes of his ministering angel. No more to gaze upon her angelic face, or to feel the magnetism of her sparkling eyes. No more to sip joy from the honied words that flowed from her lips. No more us and made out of us the power for infigence to enfold her to his adoring bosom; or cradle his head on her heaving heart; its beating pulse, his lullaby by night, his inspiration by day. No more to feel the magnetism of her soft embraces, and breathe the atmosphere of her sympathising devoted heart. No, no. No more of all

To be a widower is to be alone, in the wide world. Alone in joy and in sorrow, in health and in affliction. Alone amid the teeming activities of the day, and in the silence and gloom of the night. It is to mourn all day Queries for discussion: Would it long, as the mateless dove upon the tle alone, without a helpmeet. It is to be confronted, haunted and chased at all times, and everywhere by the hideous ghost of loneliness. It is to links between the present and the past, and be a hybrid half man and half woman, to be cook and bostler, to rock the cradle and follow the plough, to keep the bouse and run the business. It is to see the sunlight of felicity disappear from his home, and sable drapery of desolation, festoon his chamber windows. It is to feel his life a dark vacum, hope a tantalizing mirage, a delusive phantom.

This is surely bad enough, but it is not all, nor the worst of his case. To be a widower is to be jeered, teased, and joked, by all classes and all ages; to be the subject of criticism and butt of ridicule for everybody.-Whether he goes shabby or genteel, whether he walks straight or crooked, whether he brushes his bair or tangles it, whether he looks at a lady or turns his back, he is a legitimate subject for fun. He belongs to a doomed class. His presence in the social circle, is the signal for the grinning and the sneering to begin. Ye rattle-brain youngsters, there he goes, grin at him. Ye fair women. curl your lips and display your coquettish airs for the amusement of the gigglers. Ye Christian brethren, heralds of the cross and dectors of divinity, if you catch a widower in company with an unmarried woman. especially one of the doomed class, charge upon him with an onslaught of winkings and sly insinuations. Pelt him, saturize him, poke fun at him, grin and titter. Never mind his feelings. He has no right to have any feelings. True, he is guilty of no crime. But he is a widower. Hit him. Hit him again. Laugh at him. All of you laugh at him.

REUBEN JONES. Uhurchland, Va.

THOMASVILLE PENALE COLLEGE.

On a ten days recent visit to Thom asville, I had every opportunity to see the place and the school there.

I was specially pleased. Professor Reinhart was most fortunate in his location, and he has been most successful in building up the school. His success here is most extraordinary.

A happier company of girls, a more favorable place for study, a more capable, conscientious and untiring faculty and principal. I do not know. The achool is large. The demands for more room, however, are so great

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judiciously selected and more thoroughly understood, with an increasing reference to actual life, is the demand now made on our Female Colleges. It would be better for the girls, better for the men, better for all the best interests of humanity, and the cause of Christ, if this demand should be heeded. O. DURHAM.

JOHN E. RAY

Cor. Sec. S. S. Board, and Sec. B'd Missie S. Convention-Central.

We have been invited to call the first Sun day School Convention of the Central Asso ciation with the church at Forestville. This is very befitting, as this is the place where the Association was formed just nineteen years ago. The whole body was composed of seven churches:—Franklinton, Flat Rock Wake Forest, Forestville, Brassfield, Mt. Vernon, and New Hope with 505 as the aggregate white membership. There were only about 4 or 5 Sunday Schools within the bounds of the Association, with about as many hundred scholars. And now we numthat we now represent. How befitting, I say, after these nineteen years to go back, by the kind and hearty invitation of the Forestville brethren to organize our Sunday School Convention under the same hallowed roof and sarrounded by the same sacred walls. But this brings us to think of the great losses we have sustained, as a body, since then. We shall not see the smiling faces, the beaming countenances, the soul-lit eyes; nor hear the welcome, warning voices of Sam'l Waitt, Wm. Royall, W. T. Walters, R. B. Jones, J. W. Fort, D. Justice, B. W. Justice, J. B. Lassiter, J. M. Trawick, W. G. Strickland, W. T. Brooks, nor the purchearted Wingate; ent then, in the prime of manhood, but have since fallen saleep, save brethren Brooks and D. Justice, who still linger as connecting yet whose feeble health will debar them of the pleasure they so much covet of being with us, and Dr. Royall who has moved to a distrut State. They are "only waiting" for

fore the 1st Sunday in June, at 10 o'clock A. M., and continue during Sunday. A suitable programme will be arranged and announced at an early day. Hope the pastors and Sunday Schools will take due notice and let the matter be well known, appoint delegates, &c. Let every church and school in the Association be represented by at least one delegate. Each school will be entitled to two representatives. Hope they will all be

the summons of the welcome messenger to

of the trees." May we 'all be prepared to

pass over the river and rest under the shade

Associational S. S. Conventions.

Among the hundreds of letters that I have received upon this subject since the first of April, I have yet to find the first one who is not fully in accord with this movement. Every one favors it, and many are the plans for the work of organization; to begin at once. New, in order to accomplish anything in this direction, it will be necessary for the Executive Board in each Association to begin at once, and correspond with the Sunday School workers in their respective Amociations, as well as with the State Board, get all the information needed or desired and push forward this great work. Now brethren, you have told us that you are in favor of the cause, you have pledge! yourselves to aid us all you can in this noble undertaking. You have asked us to call upon you, with the promise that you would do all you could to aid us We claim this at pour hands. We will furnish you with forms of Constitutions, By-Laws, and whatever else of the kind

A good brother in the Tar River Association suggests Warrenton as the place for their meeting. What say you to that, brethren of the Warrenton Sunday School? The Central will be organized with the church at Fore-trille about the Tet Sunday in June. Now what a you, brethren of the South Yadkin, Eistern, Cape Fear, Chowan, Flat Briver, I've Dee, Cedar Creek, Brown Oreck, Mt. Zion & & & Link hear from you.

Bro. W. H. Ammons, of Holly Springs Mason county, writes or follows : "You will no doubt, be pleased to learn that the Baptis in Macon county have awakened to the importance of Sunday-school training. At the Union Meeting, held at Holly Springs on the

urday before the fourth Sunday in next Ma The object is to arouse all the churches