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NOTICE

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REVIVALS THIS YEAR

Last year our gracious revivals to many of our churches, notwithstanding the adverse influences by which they were surrounded.

We may aid in such a work by visiting and speaking to those who are not in the habit of attending on public worship, and thus bring them under the gospel.

Christians might also help on the good cause in their own hearts by religious conversation when they meet in the social circle.

We also urge our brethren to pray for their pastors. They are men with sinful hearts and weaknesses, and they need strength from God.

May this be a great year in the history of the North Carolina churches.

DECEITFULNESS, ITS CAUSE, ITS NATURE, ITS DESIGN, ITS SINFULNESS AND ITS DOOM.

Deceitfulness is defined as a disposition to deceive. This is done by appearing to be what we are not, and what we do not really desire to be.

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THE EVIDENCES OF CONVERSION.

Many earnest christians are often perplexed with doubts concerning their own conversion. They do not doubt the truthfulness of the Bible, nor the divinity of Christ, nor his power and willingness to save, but they do doubt whether he has ever saved them.

God's word declares that we are to be saved by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and not by works. It is not a matter of works, but of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and not by works.

to let Israel "go," but Moses accused him of "dealing deceitfully" with him. The king only sought the removal of the curse, and he did this with deceitful promises.

David was sure (Psalm 51) that the words of a wicked man, who had no fear of God, and who flattered himself, were iniquity and deceit. We need not expect to practice this iniquity and conceal it. God sees it.

Solomon declares that the man whose heart is full of hatred, dissembling with his lips and laying up deceit within him, and his hatred is covered by deceit, and yet God shall expose it before the congregation of the world.

And yet his hatred was hidden by deceit. We have only to dissemble with the lips, hide our hatred and give the token of friendship deceitfully, in order to repeat the sin of Judas!

Those who would not heed God's word, and were reprobates, said to the prophets: "Prophecy unto us deceit." And those prophets whom God sent not "propheied the deceits of their own hearts."

It need not be a matter of surprise that God has pronounced severe judgments upon deceitfulness, since he has pronounced it so heinous a sin in his sight.

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STEADFASTNESS.

The Psalmist had made considerable attainments when he could say, "My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed."

The great difficulty with many is that they are so much the slaves of impulse, that they have no fixed principles, and hence they are unreliable.

On one occasion when the Israelites heard God's commandments read, they all bowed down and promised to obey them, but God said, "Oh! that there was a heart within you to do what ye have promised."

do we find steadfastness, growth and fruit. Paul was greatly troubled by the unsteadfastness of his brethren. The Corinthians were full of divisions and were "contentious."

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The promise of Jesus is: "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life." We remark: 1. The firm and steadfast Christian is the growing Christian.

2. The steadfast Christian is the happy Christian. Our eye must be single and fixed on Jesus, if we behold his grace and glory and are blessed with heavenly views of his love.

3. The steadfast Christian is the useful Christian. His light will shine and he will prove a true witness for Jesus, and men will believe his testimony, and he will be useful in his Master's service.

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each county in the State one free school in the State school.

In his late message, the Governor recommends that the Legislature now in session, shall make an appropriation of \$7,500 a year to Chapel Hill, on the condition that another free school be provided to each county.

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PERSONAL & OTHER ITEMS.

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