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REVIVALS THIS YEAR. with this seem in the days in the year

Last year brought gracious revival to many of our churches, notwithstan ding the adverse influences by which they were surrounded. This year we have no election, and no cause for undue excitement to turn the people's attention from the gospel. This should be a year of special efforts to win souls. Christians should pray for a great outpouring of the Spirit and a deep work of grace among our churches. Let us not pray that God will merely bless the church to which we may happen to belong, but let us ask God to give a wide-spread revival over the whole State, yea, over the whole country, and word flow you

We may aid in such a work by vis iting and speaking to those who are not in the habit of attending on public worship, and thus bring them under the gospel. Such efforts will greatly warm our hearts, and prepare us to rejoice when the harvest time

Christians might also help on the good cause in their own hearts by religious conversation when they meet in the social circle. They should visit each other for this purpose They might relate their christian experiences, compare their views of the scriptures, tell of their temptations, struggles, hopes, fears, and talk of the goodness of God and his unbounded love to us in Christ.

If christians would meet and talk over these things, and then work to lead souls to heaven, no one can tell now God would bless the churches.

We also urge our brethren to pray for their pastors. They are men with sinful hearts and weaknesses and they need strength from God. Pray every day for your pastor, and it will bring you nearer to him and nearer to the Saviour whom

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

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

Deceitfulness is defined as a disposition to deceive. This done b appearing to be what we are not, and what we do not really desire to be Solomon defines it as "the folly of fools." The Psalmist asserts that "deceit is a falsehood." None ad mire it in others, however much they may practice it themselves, and few wish to be charged with it.

Whence does it come? The proph et declares : "The heart is deceitfu above all things and desperately wicked." In Paul's description of the evil heart of man, in his letter to the Romans, he says the carnal heart is "full of murder, debate, deceit and malignity." In this dark delineation f of the depraved heart, we find the origin of deceitfulness. It comes from our deprayed nature and is a strong proof that the heart is totally deprayed, or entirely destitute of all love for God and righteousness.

In God's word deceitfulness is pu among the worst developments of our depravity. David's prayer was, "O deliver me from the deceitful and un-Again he prays, 'Deliver my soul, O Lord, from lying lips. and from a deceitful tongue."

possessed a deceitful tongue, and "worked deceitfully, and his tongue was as a sharp razor." The work of the wicked is declared to be a deceitful work. They do not let their true aims and purposes be made known. Solomon declares the counsels and testimony of the wicked to be deceit (Prov. 12.) If this be true, well may

which they despise in others and of this matter be settled and these doubts which they are ashamed in themselves? removed? Perhaps they will never faithful. Jesus requires that our It may be to hide their really evil in- be removed from the hearts of many tentions, or to make themselves ap-pear better than they know themselves that the best way to become fixed and have put our hands to the plow. Lovs to be. Truth and virtue, honor and settled in the faith is to examine our wife left heart in Sodom, and her

him of "dealing deceitfully" with him. The king only sought the removal of the curse and so

fear of God, and who flattered himneed not expect to practice this in iquity and conceal it. God sees it, losthes it, and will bring it to light before men. God speaks of it in fearful terms, and we may well tremble at his words. The prayer (Psalm 109) that strikes the heart with terror was gainst the "deceitful mouth" of him who lifted himself up against God. David's bitter complaint before the Lord was against him whose "mouth was full of cursing, and deceit, and fraud." Psalm 10. If David was inspired, then this complaint shows God's abhorrence of this sin of deceitmake even a hint of such constant

whose heart is full of hatred, dissemeleth with his lips and laveth up deceit within him, and his hatred is shall expose it before the congregated world! "The kisses of an enemy is deceit." So Jesus seemed to regard the kiss of Judas. That was a scathing question: "Jadas, betray eth thou the Son of Man with a kiss P And yet his hatred was hidden by deceitla 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! Did we ever repeat it? His was never forgiven. Shall it be thus with us?

and thy tongue frameth deceit. (Psalm 13) was the charge God preferred against one whom he calls "wicked." Those who would not heed God's word, and were reprobates, said to the prophets : "Prophesy unto us deceit." And those prophets whom God sent not "prophesied the deceits of their own hearts." (Jer. 14.) Paul designated false apostles as "deceitful workers P and he seems to liken them to Satan, whose deceit is seen in his transforming himself into ye keep my commandments ye shall the message of Jesus to the church of Ephesus (Rev. 2) in what abhorrence he holds false apostles, yea all who deceitfully claim a part among his

"Thou giveth thy mouth to evil,

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. "The Lord will abhor the bloody and deceitful man." Psalm 5. "But thou, O God, shalt bring them down into the pit of destruction! the bloody and deceitful men shall not live out half their days." Psalm 55. "He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within my house." Psalm 101. The false prophet who deceived others "was cast into the lake of fire burning with brimstone." Rev. 19.

The prophecy that foreshadowed the character of Messiah said, "neither was any deceit found in his month. When Jesus appeared among men, he was without guile. It was also foretold of him. (Psalm 72) that he should "redeem the soul from deceit and violence." And it stands as an unchanging promise in God's book that "he that hath clean hands and a pure heart, and who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity nor sworn deceitfully," shall stand in the holy place of

When Messiah came he said, "blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." And it was Paul's boast that his "exhortation was not for the brethren a strong assurance of of deceit, nor of uncleanness, nor in our being new creatures in Christ guile." And as was the character of Let us build on this rock- a living Christ, free from all guile, and as was Paul's, free from all deceit, so should be the character and life of those who follow Jesus. Deceit in the hearts of his disciples makes them hypocrits and calls down upon them those terrible woes pronounced by the lips of the immaculate Jesus. God forbid The man who boasted against God that they should fall on any who may read these lines.

> THE EVIDENCES OF CON-VERSION.

Many earnest christians are often perplexed with doubts concerning their own conversion. They do not doubt the truthfulness of the Bible. we despise deceit in others, and be nor the divinity of Christ, nor his ashamed to be suspected of it in our power and willingness to save, but they do doubt whether he has ever saved And why do men practice that them. The question arises, how can

is a new creature. Old things are fruit. passed away; behold, all things are as a "new creature in Christ," desires striking example of this great truth It is beyond our comprehension how taught its necessity, but he did not explain how it is accomplished in the heart John 3: 8. From the teaching of the Book it is evidently the work of God alone. And yet it seems that it comes to a sincer when he believes in or heartily accepts Jesus Christ and his atoning work as his dependence for salvation. "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life." "He that believeth is not condemned." "He that believeth on the Son hath covered by deceit. And vet God everlasting life," John 3. "Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God." Whosoever accepts Christ with the whole heart in all that he claimed, promised, commanded, threatened, and is brought under the controlling influence of Christ, is born of God, Our faith in Christ is powerless and void, unless it produces the fruits of the spirit and brings us in harmony with Christ in our character, feelings and lives. 2- soylestee

> heved, and have been born of God, (a.) We love Christ. We cling to him in our hearts as our best and truest friend. We put a high value on what he has done for us, and we gladly become his willing servants. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments, and his

The evidence that we have thus be-

commandments are not grievous." 1 John 5: 3. "And this is love, that we walk after his commandments." 2 John 6. "Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command ye." -"I abide in my love." John 15. "If a man love me he will keep my words." If ye love me, keep my command ments." John 14. These, and many kindred passages, show that Jesus put down clearly, as an unmistakable evidence of discipleship, that we love and obey him. He "is all and in all." and above all, to the true christian. A low estimate of Jesus and his work in our redemption is a dangerous sign, and all may well fear to trust it. God forbid that I should glory save n the cross of Christ," was the creed of Paul. This shows how highly he esteemed the great doctrines of the

cross-salvation through Christ. (b.) True faith in Christ is seen in walking in newness of life." A new heart is absolutely opposed to a wicked and ungodly life. Saints may not be perfect, nor what they desire to be, yet they will be like Paul: "This one thing I do, forgetting those things that are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." A true christian desires and earnestly struggles to conquor his evil heart and conform in life to Christ.

(c.) True faith is evidenced by pro ducing in the heart a love for christ ians. "By this we know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren." If we examine the words of Jesus and the apostles we will see that they make this lov renewing and controlling faith it Christ; and let this faith be seen in love to Christ and his people and in obedience to his word, and our foundation can never fail.

STEADFASTNESS.

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

The great difficulty with many 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 Israel ites 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 we have promised." ... The promise is to the steadfast and cross-bearing shall be "daily." to be. Truth and virtue, homor and humanity, have a high standing among men, and we wish to have a reputation for them, even though we know that we do not deserve it. Hence we imitate the virtues for the sake of the reputation.

God's word affects some cases of genuine decit. When Jacob's sons desired to destroy fames and his non they wind the changing of our moral matter. It turns us from the born again, sid this new base of the service them deceitfully, and led them into a source Pharson when under affliction often promised.

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ship in the State school.

Paul was greatly tro ians were full of divisions a lous at first, but so so back was turned they turned from the truth and were "fallen from grace."-Christ and looked to the law. How and christian life of Paul present a reliable spirit in christians! He unges them to firmness and faithfulwith the gospel armor, and then to Wstand," (Eph. 6: 14, 14.) In consideration of the glorious truths concerning Christ's resurrection, and from that fact, the assurance of our own resurrection, Paul urges the Corinthians to be "steadfast, unmovable. always abounding in the work of the

The promise of Jesus is : "Be thou faithful until death and I will give thee a crown of life."

We remark-1. The firm and steadfast christian s the growing christian. / Those who make loud professions in times of excitement soon forget their vows, and never make much progress in the christian life. When we find one who is always at his post of duty, and is a disciple everywhere and at all times, and delights in the service of Jesus, he grows. "He is becoming

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 be blessed with heavenly views of his ove. The unstable never have these high and enrapturing views of Jesus. and they are filled with doubts and fears—they may be disciples, but they are unhappy ones.

3. The steadfast christian is eseful 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. The unstable are nconsistent, and their lives are marred and blighted by their inconsistencies and they cannot be useful

Would we grow, be strong, happy in Christ, and be useful in his service? Let us then be the steadfast followers of Jesus. Prayer, reading the scriptures, constant work for ouls, avoiding evil in its appearance and associating with the godly and the pure, are means by whicheve may increase our christian steadfastness. But we must ever remember our weakness, and lean alone on Jesus for strength and grace that in him we may stand.

THE MEMORIAL OF THE COL-

THE following memorial needs no explanation further than to say, that when a somewhat similar measure was proposed in Virginia, four years ago, Dr. B. Purvear, of Richmond College, says in a letter to Dr. Pritchard, "the opposition to the University Bill on the part of the denominational colleges was strong, but effected nothing, for lack of opportunity, The friends of the bill in the General Assembly, stimulated by lobbyists, would not allow discussion. In the same hour it passed both houses." The present Legislature of North Carolina is a very conservative body, and the denominational colleges have too many friends there to be treated thus contemptuously; but not knowing what might be accomplished by skillful lobbying, the authorities of these colleges determined to give an open and manly expression of their pposition to the measure.

The results in Virginia plainly show that the measure was unwise. It did not increase the number of students in the University, while it greatly damaged the denominational colleges. The action taken by the friends and representatives of these colleges is not, as the friends of the State school seem to think, either spasmodic or hasty, and therefore to be repented of in the near future. They have carefully considered the whole question in all its bearings, both for the present and for the future, and have deliberately reached the conclusions given in the memorial. On this basis they have made up their minds to stand and ontend for their rights, not only before the General Assembly, but before the people of North Carolina. The contest is inevitable; and it may last for years. They are prepared for the the fate of higher education in the State depends upon this issue. The result is not doubtful.

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In his late message, the Governor recommends that the Legislature, now in service shall make an additions \$7,500 a year to Chapel tion that another free sch Chapel Hill \$15,000 per annum, and be en-

attached, the friends of the denomination colleges of the State feel constrained to or to protect their own interests. We oppose this measure, first, because deem it unwise that so large's part of th

public money should be appropriated collegiate instruction, when the special and peculiar want of the State at this juncture of its history is common school educati When only one-third of the children the State are at school; when the State is poor that it provides only money enough keep the public schools in operation 10 weeks in the year, and the appro he education of each child for a whole'yea is only \$1 cents, it seems traces the State should pay \$80 a year for the tul tion of each student it may send to Chapel

We object to the measure, in the secon place, because it proposes to educate the youth of the State at a very expensive rat of tuition. Each of the 89 students Chapel Hill last term, cost the State at the rate of \$84.27 per annum, and if the Gover nor's recommendation shall be adopted and each of the free scholarships shall be repre sented, the cost of each student would be within a fraction of \$80 a year-is higher price than any college in the State charges. There are three objections which li gainst the proposed plan for aiding Charel Hill and promoting education of A aw

The first is, as we have seen, that th State is called on to give beneficiary educ tion at Chapel Hill at too great a costcost much larger than it can have the sam number of students taught as well els

where are so he ) and save are assed the beauty enjoy the charity of the State who are not worthy objects of charity. A large number of the free students at Chapel Hill last term were abl to pay tuition. The same will be true, and perhaps in a larger proportion, among thos who would avail themselves of the increase number of free scholarships, and if the ter dency of this principle shall result in Nort Carolina as it has in Virginia, and all State students be free, then we shall have a ben faction enforced by involuntary taxation which will, enure to the benefit of the well

In the third place, the fact will be that the number of poor young men of the State who will be aided in securing a liberal edu. cation will not be materially increased. No worthy youth has ever asked help from either of the denominational colleges in North Carolina in vain, and the three most prominent of these colleges are now aiding, either wholly or in part, 165 young men who are pursuing their studies.

To detract from the patronage of these institutions, as we believe this measure would certainly do, would be to deprive them, in a like proportion, of the power to help these poor, but premising young men, and hence would not advance the cause of education We object to the measure in the third

place, because we believe it would be detrimental to the interests of education through-Chapel Hill is but one of several colleges of the State imparting the same grade of instruction. If it were educating as many youth as all the other colleges combined, even then it would be neither just nor wise

for it to enjoy the benefit of special legislation to the injury of the other colleges of The fact is, however, that it has no larger satronage than one of these colleges, and onstitutes but a small part of the educating force of the State in comparison, with what all the other colleges are doing. But the injury of such special legislation reaches far beyond the colleges and extends to every cademy and high school in the State, since they are brought into direct and unfair com-

petition with the State school that receives

students of almost any degree of prepara-

We humbly submit, in the fourth place to the respect and protection of the State. Indeed, if we are not greatly mistaken the developments of the past few years have shown that these colleges possess a value and vitality, as factors in the great work of on, which do not belong to the State school at Chapel Hill. When for years the State school was in a state of suspended animation and did nothing for the cause of sustained by the noble sacrifices of their friends, were dispensing far and near the blessings of sanctified learning. And the truth of this petition again appears in the fact that Chapel Hill, with its magnificent outfit of buildings; apparatus, etc.; its long line of illustrious Allumns; the overshadowing influence of State prestige and an endow-ment amounting to \$125,000, is unable to sustain itself, while these denominational

Finally, since we believe this measure will be injurious to the welfare of our celeges, and will, if it become a law, inflict pon us the insupportable injustice of being sue. The fate of the colleges and and unjust and on principle we will resist

PERSONAL & OTHER ITEMS

ered a serie of Asheville Some brother gave brother E. Dod

last Friday on his way to Virginia. He has been in winter quarters with his family in Charlette, N. C., during the severe weather

....The First Baptistichurch in Cam-bridgeport, Massachusetts, was totally des troyed by fire a few weeks since. It cos \$90,000 and was issured for \$40,000 to \$50. 000. All came from the furmers, of lot

di. . Brother W. No Straughan thinks that the outlook at Pittsboro for the Baptists i gulte favorable. They have organized Sunday school and are now making an effort to buy ab organ. Pray for the church .The Battle Flag was calling loudly

w weeks ago for funds from the churche support the missionaries of the new so hety. We have not yet learned whether Dr. D. B. Ray has gotten enough to star his beloved brother Elder O. N. Ray on his beginning. To but noisaimylo Revs. J. B. Taylor, of Wilmington,

C. Durham, of Durham, N. B. Cobb, of Chapel Hill and Dr. J. D. Hufham, of Scot and Neck, were in the city last week and gave us a call and spoke pleasant and encouraging words. It always gives new in spiration to meet such brethren. We thank Elder W. Beaving for the

inutes of the New Hampshire Baptist Anniversaries. It is a neat pamphlet of 70 pages and indicates much progress; among he brethren of that State. We have also received the minutes of the Western Baptist Convention of North Carolina, from brother Q. E. Lee, the Clerk, di medi ne sase ".... Brother N. L. Shaw will canvas

Granville county in the interest of Messrs. Wilson and Montague. If our Granville brethren wish to supply themselves with good fruit-trees they now have an excellent pportunity. They will find brother Shaw fully." to be a most worthy brother and ever ready o help on the cause of Christ.

... The Baptist Record has just closed i ourth volume and it says that it added 1000 subscribers during the last year and never received so many words of encour gement. We heartily hope that it may add 3,000 new names during 1881, for it is wor thy of the patronage of Mississippi Baptists .... The Business Committe of the Bap

L. Wayland, editor of the National Baptist leave of absence for three months to enable aim to visit Ireland, England and France. He will sail on March 16th. Prof. Norman Fox will edit the paper in his absence. 'I intend to get every member of the

churches that I serve to subscribe if possible. I know of no better preacher that I can get to aid me in my work. The RECOR. DER preaches weekly whereas most country hurches have but monthly preaching, with little or no pastoral work."-J. A. White.

.I hope the Lord may bless our new astor's labors with this church, that the church may hold up his hands, for the Israelities succeeded only while Moses' hands were held up. So. I take it, that when members try to traduce and break down a pastor's influence instead of rallying around him, he can't do any good .- Jere Smith Central Baptist.

.....Rev. M. L. Laws is engaged in Sur lay school work in Missouri. He recently nade a trip, spent ten nights with ten families and only one of them had family worship. It seems to us that people who are not Christians might ask a minister to pray with their families when he visits them. Christians ought to have family worship whether the preacher comes or not.

.Our low church Episcopalian friend attempt to construe the language used in the aptismal service of their church as not eaching baptismal regeneration. But, with all their ingenuity, they are not able to evade the plain import of the words with which the "priest" gives thanks, "that it hath pleased Thee to regenerate this infant." We are not surprised, therefore, that a writer in the Church News strenuously maintains that "the sacrament of baptism is salvation," and stoutly donies "that a person may be baptized without being regenerate. Baptist Weekly 19 nt sangord on

Letters from all parts of the State in dicate the deepest anxiety on the part of the people to see a Prohibitory law passed dur ing the present session. In Monroe, Union county, there is a very large Prohibitory Association that meets every Tuesday aight. They appointed last Sunday as a day when the churches should make special prayers for the divine blessing upon the movement. The people are evidently in earnest and if the present Legislature should fail to give them a law, let them still hold on in their zeal and purpose and it must come in

... "Can't 'you send us a pastor ?" is a question asked by an old friend in Missouri-He resides in a town that is a railroad centre, contains about 4,000 inhabitants, and the Baptists have a good house of worship and number some excellent brethren in thei membership. We are not aware that there is a Baptist minister in North Carolina who wishes to "go west," and not one of preachers of our State do we wish to leave, yet there may be one who would like to try his fortunes in a fresh country. while we cannot assure him that the church will call him, we ask him to write to the his plane and wishes and they will be kept

of the 'Moonshiners' and asked him to work for us in securing subscribers and the reply comes. 'I cannot get these Baptists to take the RECORDER. The RECORDER cannot go into the still house—the RECORDER is at war with their pet ain." We are glad to say that this state of affairs is confined to very narrow limits in North Carolina, and those thus engaged in this unholy traffic cannot be recognized as true Baptists by the great Baptist brotherwood of the State. And we trust that the day is not far distant when the Baptists spoken of by the brother will see their great mistake, turn from it and fall in line with their brethres. 49. We wrote to a brother in the regions shouthen will see their great mistake, turn do, and the loving son said, "O, carry me, back." Shall we seed for moid-said to now. It is retreshing to see how the

ing of consi Ve have the ce

sing Christians. Many a poor soul is going to perdition on this road. What supreme and worthy of contempt such conduct ! The Saviour's rule is, remove the beam from your own eye, before you attempt to remove the mote from your brother's eye. That is get right yourself, before you try to set others right. Baptist Record.

war During the great Vinginia Baptis Jubilee in 1878, according to the statemen of Elder C. H. Ryland, \$146,000 were real ized in cash for Richmond College and since then other amounts have been given to the college. And now thousands of dollars are being raised to build the Jeter Memoria Hall for college purposes, And yet we hear of no one giving sidellar to Wake Fores College. It needs help and new is a good time to begin all galwords and T . And a

The BIBLICAL RECORDER SAYS WE failed to give it credit for "several gems" taken from its columns. We beg its pardon It has so many gems that it can afford to help its less favored neighbors .- Religiou Herald. We readily grant the pardon, but you ought to have let your readers know that we did not complain at all. We be you now to ask your pastor to preach to yo next Sunday night on motes and beams."

... The Baptist Record is evidently taxed severely with "Censors." It describes the editorial "Censor" as feeling no interest in the building up of the cause of Christ near his own home, but he will cross a continen to criticise the way of his brethren. The Record thinks that this same editor speak after this manner in the last "What did you do toward carrying out the great commission? Well, not anything much in a positive way, but you know, my Lord, the faults and failures of my brethren to the world, and in this way I cultivated in them the grace of patience, and often forced them to the throne of grace. This I did faith-

.... The Religious Herald has turned over new lenf for 1881, and betaken itself to daily Bible readings .- Richmond Christian Advocate. It might be well for the Methodist preachers of Richmond to follow this worthy example, for the Advecate has this say of them: "The preachers of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, of thi at their Monday morning meetings for the past three weeks. The subject was "the terms of membership in the church, and the character of the persons to be received.' There is a verbal diversity of opinion among them as to the correct interpretation of the Discipline on the subject. We hope the discussion may do good." These same preachers might learn that the Bible gives some information on this vital subject. Not one syllable about God's word, but they study the Discipline | Ah ! Brother Lafferty, you ought not to smile at those who read the Bible when that alone is their Disci-..... The Examiner and Chronicle speaks

thus of Dr. Curry as the successor of Dr Sears: 'It is not necessary to say that Dr Curry was the only man whose name was before the Board that would have honored the position, but it is not too much to say that no man in the whole country is better fitted for the important trust. A Souther ner by hirth and education, a man of large experience in the National Legislature, a most successful educator in a Southern college, a philanthropist of the broadest and most intelligent character, and possessing in an eminent degree the confidence of the best men both North and South be best best men both North and South, he has what seems to us to be the best possible qualification for the position. It is all the better that he is a Southerner, and knows the Southern people as he knows himself. He will enter upon his new duties with n which he was elected the Hon. Robert C Winthrop, Chairman of the Board, said of the late Dr. Sears, he brought to our General Agency rare and varied accomplish ments, the largest experience in the work of education, and a character which commanded the respect and reverence of all who knew him." We have no doubt that as much as this will be said of Dr. Curry when his official work is finished

"O Carry Me Back?"

Ever and anon we see a homesic orth Carolina preacher returning to the bosom of his dear old mother. In vain has Virginis, again and again, lured a few such into her borders There is not power enough in all that the Old Dominion boasts of to conque their native love of the Old North State, or to keep them from going

The first, I now remember, was the erudite, classical and polished Rev. Wm. Hill Jordan, who, for a few years, charmed the city of Petersburg and the Portsmouth Association with the lustre of his piety and the power of his pulpit oratory. But a mother's love was greater than all the attractions of Virginia. It carried him back to his loved home, where he is now shedding the fragrance of a seene and dignified old age.

Rev. Thomas E. Skinner, with aris coratio blood in his veins, a welltrained and well-furnished intellect and zeal for God, unfurled his banner, the rallying ensign of a second hurch, in the Cockade City. But ove of his native land, and influential cindred and friends said, "O carry me back," that I may give my money and my talents to build up the Baptist cause in my own native State: So he went back before he had left is impress upon us.

a much lauded son of North Carolina, and a pet of Wake Forest College, determined to try his fortune in Petersburg. For some years we laxuriated under his charming discourses in the pulpit and on the platform. We caressed him, and praised him, and honored him. But all this was in vain, while he heard the cries of the eld mother at home, meaning through the pines, "Come back, my son; O, Thomas, my son, come back, and we will put you at the head of the denomination in the State and make you a metropolitan bishop, or anything else you want." This was more than Virginia could promise to do, and the loving son said, "O, carry

Brother Pritchard to praise North

a gifted and amisble brother. He settled in Portsmenth and became my neighbor, and my comforter. We put on him Virginia polish and taught him Virginia ideas. We made him ork of the Portsmouth Associat d did our best to make him love But alas, alas, deep down in his hear was welling sup other mournful cry "O carry me back." And since h went away, how our loving eyes have followed him through his varied field of labor and around his wide and ec centric orbit, knowing no limits, h east, no west, save the boundary line of dear old North Carolina.

Not Virginia alone, but other States as well, have failed to wean and naturalize a genuine North Carolin

There is Rev. Joseph E. Carter, a native of Marfreesboro, No. C.1 who caught the western fever while a Union University, that school of the prophets in Murireesboro, Tennessee. To say nothing of another pastorate it is sufficient for our purpose to say, that he located in Kentucky, and there filled several important pas-torates and seemed to flourish gloriously in that great Baptist State But all the waters of Kentucky could not extinguish his love for old North Carolina. If his feelings had been put into words they would have been something like these: "You Ken-tuckians have a splendid country, clorious churches and fine schools Your blue grass and your fine stock are the boast of the country. But with all that, I don't feel at home. O carry me back home." Leaving his family behind to follow on, he took a beeline for the green savannas and pitch pines of southeastern North Carolina Already the reverberations of joy are neard throughout North Carolina at the return of her wandering son, and

the regions beyond have caught the sound of merriment.

The last to come and the last to leave us in Virginia was Rev. James A. Speight. Made of good stuff and studious, complaisant and aspiring, it was impossible not to love him. We took him under our wings and meant to nurse him into a noble manhood. He was our encomiast. He piled such hyperboles of enlegy upon us we were compelled to admire him. We thought he was thoroughly Virginianized, and forever weamed from his mother. Little did we know that Speight, too, was all the time sighing in his heart, "O carry me back to And when Brother Speight makes his debut among the Chowan brethren, shining in his new North Carolina suit, and pours upon them the radiance of his peculiar smile, and they smile back upon him, I imagine he wil reach to them his first sermon from this text: "Entreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee; for whither thou goest I will go, and where thon lodgest I will lodge; thy people shall be my people and thy God my God; where then diest I will die, and there will I be

Now, Brother Editor, can you tell me why, when North Carolina anywhere else, they never stick? And when you have answered that, I have another question to ask, the consideration of which I will reserve for another article. It is this: Why is t, that when Virginia preachers go into North Carolina they do stick Just look at them, how they are sticking here and there over your State. REUBEN-JONES.

Letter From Elder F. M. Jordan.

On the 3rd Sunday in January went to aid brother Wells in a meet-ing at Enon church, which continued two weeks and closed with glorious results. Seventeen persons professed faith in Christ, backsliders were reclaimed and the church greatly re-

Brethren A. Beck and Adam Coon were with us and rendered good ser-II. The Paralytle Sinner Healed .- 1 790ky On January 30th, a large concourse assembled near a beautiful mountain stream to witness the administration of Bible baptism. It was my pleasure to bury with Jesus in haptism 14 happy souls—eleven young ladies and three young men. It was an impressive scene. Tears of love and grati-tude flowed freely. After these young people were welcomed to the fellowhip of the church, and preaching, the

Lord granted us a great parting bles-sing, while singing that old hymn—

"My christian friends in bonds of love," etc. Bro. Wells is doing a great work at Enon. They have a good day school, taught by a young brother and his pious sister. Their influence is incalculable. They also have a well organized Sunday School, run in a large measure by eggs. Those who can't bring a cent bring an egg, and almost every Sunday morning the children bring from one to three dozen eggs. Bro. Clayton gathers up the eggs, turns them into money, and buys books and papers for the school. I thought of Bro. Dodson-wish he could visit this school, and see his suggestions literally carried out. This church has just commenced to build a new meeting house for the Lord, and has a bright future. Of that Little River were in as prosperous a condi-tion. May the Lord help them speed-

I shall start in a few days to the eastern part of the State. Hope to have the prayers of God's people for his blessing upon my labors.

Now, Bro. Bailey, I don't want my obituary published till after I am dead.

F. M. JORDAN.

Hendersonville, Feb. 2, 1881. P. S.-A profound interest is manifested in this county in favor of the ifested in this county in favor of the Prohibitory Liquor Law. Men and women are circulating petitions for dear life, and drain drinkers and drunkerds are signing them, with thousands of others. Should the law be passed, such a sheut of joy and thanksgiving never went up to heaven before from the Old North State as will then ascendil and bar F. M. J.