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OUR BAPTIST ZION IN NORTH CAROLINA.

It should fill our hearts with the deepest gratitude to review the Baptist history of our State for the last half century and see what God has done for us. Then there were about 15,000, and they were scattered and not organized for united effort. We now behold a vast army and while we may not be doing all that we can or ought to do, yet this mighty host is carnestly at work to extend the Master's kingdom. What a work God has wrought for the Baptists of North Carolina during these fifty years! And yet we should not think that our work is done and our mission fulfilled. There is a great work for us to do, and God presents a bright future for the Baptists of this State. Our peculiar doctrines are better understood, prejudice against us is passing away in many places, and the growth of the denomination was never more rapid and the Baptists more actively at work than at present. This gives great promise and our outlook is bright, and we need only to cling to the cross, trust God and labor earnestly and God will bless in the future as in the past. And yet we might take heed to some thoughts and profit thereby. We should studiously avoid all divisions and strife. When these come, the spirit of Christ departs. In some States the Baptist cause has been thrown back fifty years by introducing dissensions among themselves. Parties and party leaders arise and trouble must come. Let us in North Carolina carefully avoid all theselet us not become men-worshippers, and divide and devour one another for the sake of some man and his hobby.

fields. Of course they cannot be expected to raise much money in such places, and hence the Board supports them till God blesses and enables them to build up churches that can the State Agricultural College, from is J. B. Jeter's first Sunday in heaand will support them. God is richly blessing these mission aries, strong churches are growing up that a great wrong has been inflicted where, a few years ago, Baptists were almost despised. This is a glorious apon them by the State. It is most painful to us to work, and every Baptist in North

Carolina ought to claim the high privilege of contributing liberally towards the support of the worthy brethren who go into such fields and toil amid discouragements, and yet hold on and preach the gospel till the

harvest comes. 8. We need pastors for our churches. We do not mean to offend any one when we say this. We only mean

that we want devoted, godly men, so well supported by their church, or churches, that they can give their whole time to the work of the minis-They can then study the word try. of God, visit from house to house, weeping with the afflicted and rejoicing with the prosperous. Let our country churches decide to have the luxury of a real pastor-one who lives for the churches and on the churches We feel that it is so important that our churches should put a high value and will rigidly confine this privilege on their pastor and his labors.

4. While we are Baptists, and should not conceal our true princiwe have gained. ples, and proclaim them faithfully when duty so demands, yet we will always help the cause if we do so in the spirit of Christ. He spoke with authority; this we have not, but we can have his meek and lowly spirit, We will never win people or help the cause of truth by abuse, harshness and self-praise. Love, gentleness, kindness and courtesy ; these conquor and win.

5. There is a great work before us. We should not be satisfied with what we are doing, but seek to enlarge our work every year. We ought to aim to have more ministerial students at Wake Forest, and more missionaries in the State every year. This will require much faith, prayer, sacrifice and liberality. Our college should be endowed that it may be prepar ortunate. to meet the increased demands that must come upon it. Our Education, State Mission and Sunday School Boards should be liberally supported. and thus, with the work enlarged every year, what will the Baptists of North Carolina be fifty years hence ?

mingle with so happy a people. Virginia has damaged the cause of higher education, reducing the at- above it all during that memory tendance upon all the colleges of day, one thought pressed upon and delighted the heart, and it was, "This the State, except the University and one third to one half. It has rendered ven." We thought of him almost the University very unpopular and constantly through the day in the midst of the bright throng, mingling made the friends of the colleges feel

with his old friends and co-laborers and his heart full of enthusiasm and delight, as he greeted them and joined with them in heavenly worship obliged to take a position of apparent hostility to the State college. Our Heaven has never seemed so near t us, as on that day-we seemed almost motives have been misunderstood and to hear the sweet music, and the loud bad feeling, even indignation, excited coronation songs from the heaven! against us on this account. We have choir. One year has passed, but his a high appreciation of the value of the State college to the cause of edujoy continues undiminished and untarnished by fear, change or doubt. cation, and would rejoice in its pros-While we have been struggling here perity; but we cannot be silent when a measure is proposed by which we below, amid changing seasons and shall be taxed to give it a privilege shifting scenes, and feeling and some that will cripple the influence and times saying, "time flies swiftly by.

J. B. Jeter has been in unchanging usefulness of our colleges. We protest that we do not wish to day and g'ory, where there is no note of time, where they feel that all this injure Chapel Hill-merely aim to shall never change.

During the next year, who of It gives as great pleasure to say that the friends of Chapel Hill have will go and join him above? If we withdrawn the bill containing the obcould live so near to Jesus as ha did, we need not fear to go at any time jectionable features, and propose to but it is so hard to stand where he introduce a bill which will not increase the free tuition of the college, seemed to stand! And yet we can thank God for the abounding grace given us in Christ Jesus that can save the chief of sinners and through that. The thing we protested against was grace may we meet around the great increased free tuition, and that point

white throne.

T. H. PRITCHARD. OUERIES. HOW A PREACHER LOST HIS If a member of a Baptist APPETITE. church participates in dancing at balls and parties, should the church

distant.

Some months ago a minister visited attention to the same? church for the purpose of holding protracted meeting. He knew very should be remonstrated with, and if little of the church or the people of he repents not, then he should be put the surrounding country. He had where he cannot injure the church. heard, however, that one of it richest The church is of no benefit to a ball-

protect ourselves.

to really poor young men.

members had failed in his busiing, and compromised with his creditors at ten cents in the dollar. This being a sort of usual thing in the county at the time, it made but little impression on the preacher's mind more than to produce a pions fish nets, on Sunday, should his regret that a brother should be so un- church call him to account for the But after preaching many days and visiting many families of the church, he was at the close of the morning service cordially and earn estly invited to dine with the unfortunate bankrupt. He accepted the invitation with reluctance, as he feared

.... Rev. C. Dinwiddle resigned as pastor of the Presbyterian church of Big Lick, Va., and [becomes pastor of Concord, Old Concord and New Concord churches. There ught to be harmony on that field. .... Our Christian colleges must be

lowed by Christian men, or the higher edu cation in this country will take a direction antagonistic to the kingdom of God. It takes no prophetic power to see this. - Nash.

.... The revival in the 2nd Church, Rich. ond, Va., continued through the past week. A. Brother writes us: "There has never been my great stir in the meeting, but it has been the best sustained, the most unflagging in interest I ever saw." Just such a meeting as might have been expected in a church with such a pastor and membership.

.... Rev J. B. Hutson, of the Pine Street hurch, Richmond, Va., has succeeded in aducing his people to build a new house of worship. They raised at one meeting \$4, 500. This, with the money raised by selling their present house and lot with a little assistance from the Richmond Baptists, will be sufficient to perfect the plans.

.We ask our subscribers to exam he little slip on their papers this week and their time is out, to remit at once as we must go over our books next week and drop those whose time has expired. We dislike to part with any of our readers, but if the paper fails to come, they may know well the cause of IL. .... The meetings in the First church con-

tinues with unabated interest. A number of persons have professed faith in Christ and the church greatly revived. Bro Earle is an able and faithful minister of the word, and must do a vast deal of good wherever he goes. Dr. Skinner, on Sunday night baptized seven.

... By the late death of Rev. Thos. Bon ner, Mt. Zion, Sound Side, Sharon and Mt Pleasant churches were left without a pas tor. On the 6th inst. delegates from these churches met with Sharon church and exto which he or she belongs pay any We think the dancing member his labors immediately.

.....It is related by Dr. Finney that room and party dancer, and he is sure-If a member of a Baptist church is in the habit of fishing shad gospel to be preached the next day .- Watchor herring nets, or any other kind of

> ......The Trustees of Richmond College have accepted the resignation of Dr. Curry,

.... A few days after Dr. Hatcher anive known to humanity I hold it he unced his decision to remain with his a wrong which cries to God for this people in Richmond, about 150 visited ment to wring a revenge great govern wagon loads of the nee the name and tears and of women and children and the sufseries of life. Col. T. J. Evans made an fering poor. The revenue poured in-to the United States Treasury from dmirable eech, to which Dr. Hatcher Many derest tarms were bathed in tears during those the liquor traffic is the price of blood talks. Christianity has many strong ties, and I cannot give my sanction to it. From many other reasons, which but no one more intimate, sacred and need not mention, as they are known strong than that between a faithful and and read of all men. I have steadily earnest paster and a devoted people workvoted for the destruction of the intering together for the glory of the Master nal revenue system, and so with Gen. Scales, Col. Armfield, Capt. Davis and many others I offered amend-ments and voted to reduce the taxes .... As the English University press have postponed the publication of the Re vised New Testament till the middle next May, the undersigned, in behalf of the on spirits. Will the Biblical Records

American Committee of Revision, give noor the Orphans' Friend (which 1 learn tice to the public that the offer of a memocopied the article approvingly) assert to the world that the internal reverial copy of the first University edition handsomely bound and inscribed, for a connue laws were made in the interest of temperance? Why, my dear sir, actribution of ten dollars or more towards the expenses of the Committee, is extended till cording to this theory, if one million gallons of whiskey and brandy were May 1st. The money must be sent to the made in Buncombe and the tax paid, Treasurer, Mr. Andrew L. Taylor, Bible it would be all right. It is in pur-suance of law. Permit me to say House, New York .- Philip Schaff, Pres.

.... The Baptist Courier tells of a deacon who was distinguished for smallness, His pastor and wife paid him and family a visit in August, and when they were leaving, the descon of small deeds proposed to put two melons in his paster's buggy "for the children." They were stale, but the children enjoyed them and all passed off well. In October the deacon was asked for his" subscription to the pastor's salary, when he ought out his account for the watermelas-25 cents each-total 50 cents and got redit for the amount !! The courier adds : "We confess to such shame hearing these things as to make us want to apologize for being a part of the sum-total of humanity."

emy more cruel than .... To teachers let me say a few words. and more to be dreaded than Let the first element be love-love to God and love for souls. Let there be warm. earnest sympathy between teacher and pupil. Do away with all mechanical teaching. Let heart speak to heart; do not be afraid; in your earnestness, of a few tears; very little reaches the heart, that does not come from the heart. We must not be easily discouraged at lack of attention, or by those under our care wandering out of the way. Remember, we ourselves have lacked interest in the Master's work; have not walked in uprightness, of purpose and deed. Yet God has been patient with us. Therefore let us be kind and lovingly patient, sowing beside all waters, knowing that the Master sees not what we did-not what we sought to do. Remember we serve the Lord Christ. -James Carroll in Central Baptist.

.... The Examiner and Chronicle thinks that the work of "Biography-making" may the dear old State and make her peobe overdone. It thinks that there is no ple sober, peaceful and prosperous.

celebrated Benj. Beddome Llewelyn, Hugh Evans and John Ry land, with hundreds of other Baptis ministers, were educated at Bristol by the benefaction of Elder Terrill and funds sent up by the churches. We find, therefore, that two hund

dred years ago our Baptist brethren in England were doing for the education of their young ministers just what the Baptists of North Carolina are doing now, and in the same way. I consider the above statements of great value for removing objections which may exist in the minds of some in regard to this work. The facts stated I am prepared to substantiste. CHARLES E. TAYLOR.

to the Immersed Members of the Metho dist Church. Are you not in the Wrong

In the Raleigh Christian Advocate of Feb. 18th, the following are the closing sentences of an editorial on Obedience and Immersion.

We repeat then that Scriptural obedience to the command to be baptised is fally rendered when one receives baptism by pouring or sprinkling. To be immersed is obedience not to the command of Christ, but to the command of the Baptist church." Now knowing it to be a fact that Methodist preachers, are immersing acores of men and women every year and taking them into the ship of their churches. I would like to know if these immersed members propose to remain in the Methodist church. Inasmuch as they have rendered obedience not unto the command of Christ, but unto the comthe great movement on foot in our mand of the Baptist church, would it not be more consistent in them to belong to the church whose commands they have obeyed? I would also like to know why Methodiat ministers are so frequently found baptising after the command, of the Baptst church, and not after that o. Christ ? to and for the children of North Carolina, and trust not in vain. I am BAPTIST.

Granville County On Prohibition.

"When life's labor song is sung, And the ebon arch is sprung O'er the shaded couch of death so still,' that I may find some little boys and girls who have gone before, and

the grave

already at God's beautiful gate. "Watching and waiting for me." In conclusion, if I have erred in my course, may God forgive me, and f I have offended the least one these little ones I sincerely regret it. and must say that I intended no wrong, but acted concientiously in regard to the revenue laws. God bless

that the collecting of a tax by United

States officials, who go armed to the

eeth, smelling and nosing up the

nollows after distilleries, and anxious

to destroy all they can find, is in my

judgment, not much in the interest of

emperance, nor very well calculated

to make men better. The better way

is to give the people a chance to vote that liquors shall not be made and

sold within the State, and in that

give heartily, and with an humble

prayer to my Master that it may be a

success, the sanction of my name to

State for ridding our people of an en-

have never been a preacher, Mr.

Editor, as this writer, "Amzi, thinks. I have never felt worthy t

be one. I have labored and talked

cheered with a hope that-

way the question can be settled.

"Tell us, we would gladly hear, How our cause speeds on its way." Owing to bad weather, bad roads, and the lack of blank petitions, not one half of the strength of Granville county in favor of Prohibition will be shown by the petitions that will be sent to the Legislature. In many neighborhoods no petitions have been circulated, and nothing has been done. But wherever the question of Prohibition has been presented to the people, and properly explained, it has

met with hearty and almost unammous approval. Even large numbers of the colored people strongly the movement, when they are made to understand it. Judging from the neighborhoods that have been canvassed, I believe that if the matter were brought properly before the people of Granville two-thirds or threefourths of them would say, "Give us Prohibition.' Thousands of names will be sent in from the county in a few days. Last Sabbath I preached in a neighborhood where nothing had been done for Prohibition. The main object of the discourse was to point out the great evils of the liquor traffic, and to show the injustice and wickedness of licensing such a traffic, and to show the daty of the people to have such a license repealed and a Prohibitory Liquor Law in its stead. After the sermon I circulated my prohibition petitions, and every voter and every lady in the house, with perhaps two or three exceptions, subscribed their names. The very best people of the county are the strongest advocates of prohibition When such yast numbers of the good people of the State are so earnestly calling for prohibition, if our legislature adjourns without passing a prohibitory law, they will cover themselves with disgrace, and may know assuredly that many of the best men of the State will never cast another vote for them for any office of honor or profit. But if, like true and brave men, they will dare to do right, and will give the people the law they want and the law they need, then they will throw around themselves a halo of glory that will never grow dim, and generations yet unborn will rise and call them blessed. STRADLET.

tended a unanimous call to Rev. A. W. Burfoot, of Camden county, N. C. It is believed that he will accept and enter upon

church in the State of New York once en joyed a continuous revival for twelve years. The preacher was not specially gifted, . nor the church zealous, but at the end of these years it was accidentally discovered +that a brother in the church always spent Saturday evening from tes-time till mid-night in agonizing prayer for a blessing upon the

We may well omit the discussion of those subjects that have been decided or that cannot be decided or that. amount to nothing, it matters not how this may be decided. Let up preach Christ crucified and be satisfied with the grand "old, old story" without introducing that which tends to evil.

What is the duty of the Baptists in North Carolina, that they may continue to prosper ? This is a weighty question and it may seem to be impertinent in any one to attempt its answer, and yet we wish to propose some suggestions.

1. While we should seek to be sound in the faith, we should seek also to raise a high standard of morality and piety. We should put great value on pure, spotless Christian character. All immorality in our lives and in our business should be strictly avoided and disciplined. Let this point be remembered and let our pastors preach on it.

2. The Baptists should give special attention to the Sunday school work. Ministerial Education and State Missions. Of course we expect them to contribute to Foreign Missions, but we are now speaking of our home work.

We need efficient Sunday schools in all our churches. Those already engaged in this work should labor to increase the efficiency of the schools and at the same time seek also to enlist those members who have not yet joined them. With large Sunday schools we may expect to see the churches prosper. We must have ministers to preach the gospel and have such that the people will hear. respect and follow. There is a widespread interest in the State on education. Ignorance can not be regarded as a virtue and men must be informed if the people are to be taught by them. The education of our young ministers is making encouraging progress at Wake Forest College, but there are many young brethren to-day who ought to be there. This costs money and if our ministers are ever prepared for their work the churches must furnish the means. Let every

OUR POSITION.

When the Governor's message was published, asking for an increased appropriation to Chapel Hill, with an increased number of free students, the Faculty of Wake Forest College took alarm, and called a conference of the friends of the college in Ral-

eigh, at which meeting it was suggested that as other colleges in the State were alike interested, it would be wise to consult with them as to whether it was expedient to attempt the defeat of the proposed measure. The President of Wake Forest Col-

lege visited Trinity and Davidson and when he went up the marble Colleges and wrote to Dr. Bickle, the steps, into the splendid parlor, and at President of North Carolina College the loaded table, while trying to eat at Mt. Pleasant, and after a full disthe rich and rare dainties spread becussion of the merits of the whole fore him, and while talking to the question, it was agreed that a joint | wife and daughters dressed in silks meeting of the friends of these coland velvets-everywhere-ten cents in the dollar seemed written, stamped leges should be held in Raleigh on the 9th inst. That meeting was held as in fire-"TEN CENTS IN THE DOL-

ONE YEAR AGO.

and a report was adopted, which LAR," He could not eat. His soul be

took the form of a memorial to the Legislature, giving a respectful and manly expression of our reasons for opposing the measure recommended by the Governor of the State. We had a right to do this as citizens and tax-payers; we had a right the preacher was still repeating that

to do it as the friends of the denominational colleges, whose interests we dollar." saw were imperilled; we had a right to do it as the representatives of christian churches, if we saw fit to do so: and yet for the exercise of this right, given us by the Constitution of the United States and the Bill of

Rights of North Carolina: nay more. guaranteed to us in the very charter of our creation, we are charged by the Raleigh News and Observer, with the and that his pen has rested for one high crime of an effort to unite church whole year ! We missed him then and and State and a deliberate attempt to control legislation by a combination of heart grows tender and tears begin to sectarian denominations.

The sun shines too high in the him no more on earth. heavens for anybody to be scared by that ghost ! It is not a little amusing, however, gels and the redeemed and in the

to hear the Episcopal editor of the presence of him whom he leved and News and Observer charging the served so well I A whole year of rest. Methodists, Presbyterians and Bap- of joy and of inexpressible bliss in tists, especially the Baptists, with an glory !

Sunday fishing is far WOrse han dancing. We do not know of a Baptist church large enough to contain such a "brother." He ought to be "dropped" from the book.

A divorce is in order.

same?

ly not worth anything to the church

Last, but not least. If a memer of a Baptist church does not. will not assist in defraying the expenses of his church, or pastor's salathe entertainment of company by a ry, when he is able to do so, is he family in such reduced circumstances considered, by Baptist usage, to walk would be more of a burden than isorderly ?- A CHURCH CLERK. pleasure. But the brother soon drove We honestly believe that, it up to the church door seated in a the daty of every church-memher to splendid new buggy, drawn by a fine help bear the expenses of the church. horse, and invited the preacher to unless he needs to be helped by the step in. This he did, but as he took church. When one refuses who is a seat and looked at the admirable able to do so, he needs instruction turnout, his mind settled on the one concerning his duty. If he is consentence, "ten cents in the dollar," verted and loves Jesus he will readily and could not get rid of it. No mateceive instruction. But if he persists ter what was said nor what he say. in disregarding the instruction and ten cents in the dollar, ten cents ; continues to refuse to bear his part of the dollar, went ringing through and the burden, he might be dismissed around his brain all the way home from church fellowship on the charge and when he saw the large mansion of general good-for-nothingness. That is, or ought to be, Baptist

PERSONAL & OTHER ITEMS.

.... Dr. W. A. Nelson is assisting Elder B. Richardson in a meeting at Thomasville, N. C.

.... Rev. Dr. T. B. Espy, of Little Rock, Arkansas, died of pneumonia on Monday he 7th.

...... What kills sermons, prayers and leccame sick and his appetice failed ures and entertainments of all sorts is prohim, and even next day when that ixity .- Jalmage.

poor unfortunate brother tenderly la-... No news in our region but Prohibimented the coldness of the church tion-we are making the welkin ring down and the hardness of sinners' hearts, here. - T. O. Wood.

strange sentence, "ten cents in the 70,000 names.

> ... Rev. J. S. Erwin, of the North Caro lina Conference, died at his residence in King's Mountain on the 10th.

Our mind reverts to the past, an .We call special attention to the article of Prof. C. E. Taylor and ask our readers recalls the fact that one year ago to show it to our Anti-missionary brethren day (Feb. 18th) Dr. J. B. Jeter passed They ought to see it. away to his home above. It is hard to

.We learn that brother A. G. McMan realize that his eyes have been closed naway expects to be in Louisburg on the in death, his lips silent in the grave first Sunday in March. He is now in the midst of revivals in Virginia.

.... Brethren wishing the minutes of the wept, and we miss him still and the last session of the Baptist State Convention will drop Bro. John E. Ray a postal card. flow as we realize that we shall see It is decidedly a valuable document.

.... Elder J. P. Barrett has retired from the editorial "chair" of the Uhristian Sun. What a year the last has been to Over work on the paper and as pastor, con him-all of it passed among the annected with constantly watching at the sick bed of his wife make it necessary.

The Michigan Avenue Church, of ago, rebuilt after the great fire at a cost of \$121,000 was burnt or seriously damaged last week. The loss is estimated at \$50,000.

as Professor in enthusiastically upon his labors as successor to Dr. Sears. By-the-way the Watchman admits Dr. 'Curry's ability and fitness for the position but confesses that he was not its choice. While the Watchman does not tell whom it preferred, yet it had sufficent grace to speak kindly and courteously of him who was not its favorite.

.....I have taken the pastoral care of In wood church hear Raleigh, also of Yates Chapel near Durham, will preach at Inwood on the second Sunday and Baturday before in each month and at. Yates' Chapel on the third. The next meeting of the South Western Union meeting will be held at Inwood in May and the brethren wish all the churches to send their delegates to meet with them. Elder J. R. Maynard will preach

the introductory and Elder J. M. Holleman the misseionary sermon.-H. W. Norris. ....Portland Maine, has two Baptist churches. The first was organized in 1801 and while it has met with severe losses by fire, yet it has held its own and now numbers about 400. Eight foreign missionaries are held as members of this church. Free Street church went out from the. First and is now as strong as the mother church. This church has sent Drs. H. M. King, J. F. Elder and C. V. Hanson, men of power and usefulness. God has surely honored these churches in raising up so many in them to preach the gospel of His Son.

.... Accept my heartfelt thanks for that article in the RECORDER, headed "Country Pastors." It was full of kind words to class of ministers which do more hard work with less pay, than other ministers. It has always been a mystery to me, how good men, with little or no travelling to do, with intelligent, cultivated people to labor with, and backed with liberal salary, promptly paid, could so blame country pastors, for evils that are so difficult to be remedied among country churches .- Wm. Jurner. ... Edward Ellis, the Dakota correspon

dent of the Standard says, that territory contains 151.000 square miles, has 150,000 inhabitants and has doubled its population in the last year. It is very rich in minerals and is rapidly developing its immense resources. The Baptists have 24 churches and about 900 members, with only seven Baptist chapels in the whole territory. He represents it as a most inviting missionary field and calls upon his brethren of the

......Dr. Talmage wants theatres under the control 'of Christian men and women; he wants all the bad taken out of plays and players. He would like to attend this reformed theatre with his family at least once each week. We solemnly believe that Dr. Talmage is making a great mistake in his present methods of preaching. Nothing which he may say will much surprise us. What next, Mr. Talmage? Preachers, keep to the "old, old story."-Stuart in Standard .... Mr. R. D. Chubbuck, a member of

the Warren Avenue Baptist church. Boston. has been holding meetings nightly in the church of the Holy Trinity. Dr. Tyng believes in such meetings. He worked earnestly in the Hippodrome meetings, and

need of writing the life of an " average Truly, man" and the people will not read the book if it should be written. It closes thus "Biographical literature of the right kind will never cease to be in demand ; but the

Memoirs of the Rev. Mr. This, the Hon. Mr. That, and the estimable Mrs. Tother, are neither in demand now nor ever will be-They are merely proof of the misjudgment of the people who write them, and a long suffering public gets its revenge by refusing to read them. Let the sensible people set their faces against this tendency to write a book about every tenth man or woman who dies, and make their influence felt for good taste and common sense in this matter of biographies, before the evil becomes greater. One can have too much of a good thing."

.... The supplemental Christian is a ne cessity. The church could not get on with out him. He is the opposite of the minimum Christian, who does and gives as little as he can; he studies how to get off as cheaply as possible. The supplemental Christian is the man who does all he can to make up for the shortcomings of the shirk ers. His measure of service is the measure of need. As much as in me is, is his motto He keeps back no part of the price. According to his ability he holds himself res ponsible to the Master. What is done by others is no standard for him. He rise above the dead level. These supplemental Christians are needed everywhere,-the minimum Christians--swell the census of our churches, but clog the wheels of its enterprises. They discourage one another and try the patience of the faithful. They chill the church with the coldness of their frozen souls. The difference between these two sorts of Christians is this: the on serves God from fear, the other from love The one is a servant, the other a son. The one gives what he must, the other all he This entire consecration, this perfeclove that casts out fear and impels to a ser vice that fixes no limits to doing and giving, is what the church needs above everything else .- Nashville Christian Advocate.

"Preachers and Politics." The must be been a little dit In justice to Congressmen Vance we reproduce from the News and Ob server of 17th the following letter, in reply to an article published by us some weeks ago:

WASHINGTON, February 12, 1881.

It was only recently that a friend handed me the article in the Biblical Recorder, signed "Amzi," on the sbove subject. The writer evidently, for some reason best known to himself, intended to stab me. I think that the person should have had manhood sufficient to have put his name to an article in which he tries to damage the character of another. I would, perhaps, pass over this in silence but perchance some one, not under standing the matter, may be offended with me. If any one thinks I want \$200.) may be granted to any stuevery farmer to become a distiller, or if he thinks I want a gallon distilled, dent, whose friends are unable to support him. From a reserved portion of except for medical or mechanical purhis property, he further directs the poses, he is very greatly mistaken.

ROBERT B. VANCE.

Winisterial Education Among the Primitive Baptists.

One of the oldest Baptist churches n the world is the Broadmead church

at Bristol in England. Indeed it may be doubted whether there is any Bapist church which possesses the records of as long a history as this one, though older churches are doubtless to be found in London and Wales. I have lately been deeply interested in reading the records of old Broadmead church, beginning with the year 1640. Through the reigns of Charles L. and Charles II. and James II. as well as during the days of the common wealth. the members of this church were fined, imprisoned and hunted from place to place. Some of the letters from imprisoned pastors to the church glow with an almost apostolic -unction. "Surely here," I have thought,

while reading this book, "if any where on this side of the middle ages, can he found the faith and practice of Primitive Baptists."

Elder Edward Terrill, who was for wenty-six years connected with this church, was a man of considerable property. In 1679 he executed a deed which "he consecrated a large part. not the whole of his estates to the. education of young men for the ministry." It seems that the subject of an educated ministry had for several years been agitated among the Baptists. In the year 1675 several ministers united in calling a convention of Baptists to meet in London "with a view." says the circular letter, "to form a plan for an orderly standing ministry." The immediate result of this convention is not known, but we find it recorded that soon after this time Elder Andrew Gifford's church sent up thirty pounds sterling (\$150) for this purpose. May we not sup-

act of beneficence as one result of this convention ? I now quote from a note appended to the named records concerning the provisions of Elder Terrill's deed. "For the glory of God and the propagation of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, and for the true love and affection he hath and beareth

unto the congregation of which he is member." Mr. Terrill empowers his trustees to devote the proceeds of is estates to the maintenance of holy learned man, well skilled in the tongues, viz., Greek and Hebrew, and who doth own and practice the truth of believers' baptism as a pastor or teacher to the congregation." Three half days in the week is this tator to employ in the instruction of young men, members of any baptized con-gregation in or about Bristol, for two ears at most. Ten pounds (\$50. early, to the amount of forty pounds

Oxford, N. C. Ordination.

On last Sunday, in the Asheville Baptist church, a Presbytery, consistng of Elders D. B. Nelson, J. K Connally, W. W. Wells and A. C. Dixon, ordained Bro. E. F. Baldwin to the full work of the gospel minis-

Bro. Baldwin has been blessed of God in all the meetings he has held in North Carolina. The recent revivals at Marion, Hendersonville and Bethel, bear witness to the fact that God is with him, and we commend him to the churches as a man full of the Holy Ghost. He has spiritual gifts as, an evangelist. The pastors whom he assists need not fear that he will leave their churches the worse for a momentary excitement. He preaches the word, and that word God makes quick and powerful.

He has been called to the pastorate of several churches, but has not yet decided which field he will occupy. A. C. DIXON.

SELECT THOUGHTS.

THE INDOLENT MAN AN OYSTER. "The drone in society, like that

east, to arise and cultivate it.

.... We were told that petitions came in one day last week for prohibition with

