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This criticism has been made regarding artists that the cause of so many failures and so few successes, exists in the fact that they undertake too much. The merest strapping of a genius will set to work on the sublime and most impossible tasks.

Following this line of thought, the Baptist denomination, in North Carolina, would be unable to propound a more interesting question to itself than this: What is expected of us in the near future? In the paragraphs that follow, we propose to answer this question.

1. To finish up matters that have been on hand some time. These are few; but important. As unfinished work, they are not only unprofitable, but in the way. They demoralize other undertakings.

2. To raise immediately the \$3,000 scientific apparatus for Wake Forest. The telegraph could flash a thousand messages from a thousand readers of the RECORDER, and assure President Taylor that the thing was done.

3. To push out into new fields. The line of our work has hitherto been unique and inspiring. There is no need for a change of plan. The only need is that we do more.

4. To have a share in this matter. The apparatus must be in place by September. There is no just reason for delaying the matter one week.

It will pay you in hearts brimming with good deeds accomplished, and in the elevation of your community. And as these boys and girls grow older, put it in their way to further their education at our Academies, our Seminaries, and at Wake Forest.

We now revert to the thought with which we began. The strong must do work that requires strength, or the work will not be done. Let us consider the truth an electric light, and turn it upon what has been said.

In a late editorial, a venerable Southern editor speaks of old age as the time of hope. There is about this sentiment a peculiar mellowness. None other than a believer's hand could have penned it.

A noticeable feature of the tactics of our Methodist brethren is the building of magnificent houses of worship in the towns. While we think the policy open to criticism, we may learn something from it.

We are greatly saddened to hear of the death of the estimable wife of Rev. W. A. Ballard, of Greensboro, Ky. Like his illustrious father, he is greatly beloved, and many friends deeply feel his severe loss.

In nothing are we better pleased than to hear or read good things said about Wake Forest College. Col. L. L. Polk, of the Progressive Farmer, one of the best agricultural newspapers now in the country, was at the commencement and did efficient service as Trustee.

At his last appointment Rev. N. C. Cobb, though unable to present, was present and received a candidate for baptism at Morganton. The Hickory Sunday school observed children's day on the 20th of June, and a collection was taken up for the American Baptist Publication Society.

the land for the educational and moral training of our young men.

PERSONAL & OTHER ITEMS.
The Board of Managers of the Orphanage will meet there June 28.

Rev. D. C. Culbreth, of Thomasville, has gone to Birmingham, Ala.

The South Western University of Tennessee conferred D. D. on Rev. W. D. Powell, of Mexico.

Dr. Thos. E. Skinner and family are at Morehead City. They expect to spend several weeks there.

The old building at Wake Forest College is now being thoroughly repaired and greatly improved.

Rev. F. H. Poston, of Wake Forest College, is assisting Rev. W. F. Watson in a meeting at Cameron.

Rev. J. L. White has commenced his regular supply of the pulpit of the First Baptist church, this city.

Trinity College has appointed a committee to suggest a President. A salary of \$2,000 per year is provided.

Rev. Thos. W. Babbs preached to crowded congregations in the Baptist church at Greensville, week before last.

Rev. L. C. Perkinson, of Oakville, Warren county, recently met with an accident that resulted in breaking one of his arms.

Washington and Lee University, of Virginia, conferred the degree of Doctor of Divinity on Rev. A. C. Dixon, of Baltimore.

Wake Forest College Library will be enlarged by the addition of five or six hundred volumes by the opening of next session.

Rev. Thos. Hume, D. D., of the University of N. C., will spend a part of his Summer at Waynesboro, Augusta county, Va.

Prof. Mills, of Wake Forest College, will go to Elizabeth City, July 14. He teaches in the Normal School there three weeks.

Rev. A. G. McManaway, of Charlotte, made an admirable report of the Wake Forest commencement, for the Richmond Dispatch.

Prof. H. W. Reinhart spent a few days in Raleigh on his return from the commencement of Wake Forest College. He is in the best of health and spirits.

Prof. W. B. Royall and Lady, of Wake Forest College, will attend the teachers assembly at Black Mountain and spend the summer in the mountains.

President Taylor, of Wake Forest, will attend the commencement of the University of N. C., and expect to visit more of the colleges North during vacation.

Dr. Hatcher says of the North Carolina Baptists: "Their ministry is sound in the faith, public spirited, harmonious and able. They are torn by no dissensions and free from all harsh and partisan spirit."

The Rev. Dr. G. C. Lorimer will have general sympathy for the loss of very many hours of labor. In the recent large fire in Chicago the manuscript, plates and private sheets of his sermons on "Society," were destroyed.

The University of North Carolina has conferred the degree of D. D. upon Rev. J. L. Carroll.

Rev. H. W. Battle, of Wadesboro, who visited our county for the first time on Friday last, for the purpose of delivering the literary address at the closing exercises of Rock Hill High School, preached and instructed here on Saturday at the Methodist church on Friday night.

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Boards, and paid their pastor over four hundred dollars besides—over four hundred dollars in less than two years, and there is not a rich member among them.

They started out with "God is able to supply all our needs and will not allow anything to fail us." "God is true and faithful."

They missed the old custom of depending on others for years, and awoke to duty at once. Not one has yet complained of being poorer because of what he has yet done but all seem stronger and happier for having something to do.

Work tends to healthfulness and giving makes one liberal. "He that giveth to the poor shall not lack but he that shutteth up his ears shall be cut off."

The other churches of the union had committees, to visit this and that sister union, and were fed on promises until they were sick of the thing.

We are a little behind because of waiting, but we are going to catch up by making longer strides.

Elizabeth City, N. C. June 17th 1886.

The Average Prayer-Meeting.
Dear Recorder—In your 46 No. May 21st I saw a notice in regard to the Average Prayer-Meeting.

From the standpoint he takes, he sees and exposes all the most objectionable features of the Average Prayer-Meeting.

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The thought would perhaps occur to an observer who could make comparisons reaching over a twelve month, "there seems here about a year's slow and steady growth of positiveness and conviction."

You will see that these offers are so put that the smallest schools stand as good chance of getting the second and third ones as the largest.

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gentlemen; by Orphan Class.
Benediction by Grand Chaplain.
Every man who can possibly do so, be present at the sound of the gavel by Grand Master Basbee on the morning of the 24th.

The following parties have contributed the amount to opposite their names for the improvement of the college campus. The money was used for the purchase of trees, evergreens, flowering shrubs and roses.

C. Durham (collected), \$50; T. H. Pritchard, \$5; W. B. Royall, \$5; R. H. Timberlake, \$5; Mrs. L. J. Allen, \$1; Rev. J. S. Puryear, \$5; Prof. W. L. Poole, \$5; Mrs. L. J. Poter, \$5; Mr. Philip Johnson, \$1; Harry Puryear, 50 cents; W. G. Simmons, \$5; W. C. Burnett, 25 cents; R. T. Vann, \$1; C. M. Taylor, \$10; Mrs. T. M. Pittman (collected in Henderson), \$2.70; Mrs. V. E. Pendleton, \$1; Mrs. R. C. Wrenn, 50 cents; Mrs. T. D. Crawford (collected in Oxford), \$6; Entertainment given by Education class, \$14.65; W. H. Saunders, \$1; Mrs. E. A. Covington (Wadesboro), \$5.

CHAR. E. TAYLOR.
June 18th, 1886.

Durham Eccl. Op.
The defeat of the Prohibitionists of Durham brings sadness to the hearts of many thousands of people in North Carolina. But the vote next year will be decided in favor of prohibition if the fact that Winston, Oxford and Henderson went for prohibition will strengthen the weak ones of Durham.

The light will be renewed and the sooner the vote is tested the better for the people. This much should be said for Rev. C. Durham, he rendered invaluable assistance to the cause of local option in Oxford, Henderson and other places. He has been more graciously than he ever created more enthusiasm on the subject. And he did his duty faithfully and well in his own city. No one doubts that. We sympathize most heartily with him, but no man in N. C. can best defeat more graciously than he can. It will but arouse more fully the lion-like spirit which he already has and make him in his opposition to evil more like the lion of the tribe of Judah.

Your brother,
M. W. McDUFFIE.

Proceedings of the Union Meeting of the Eastern Section of the Raleigh Association.
On Friday before the fifth Sunday in May, the Union met in a pleasant session with the church at Clayton.

Dr. W. A. Nelson being absent, the Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. D. McLeod.

Rev. J. R. Jones was unanimously elected Moderator.

The following churches were represented: Hephzibah, by W. H. Hood, Moderator; Smith's, by T. M. Jones; B. H. Knight; White Stone, by Dr. Chamblie and W. J. Ferrell; Selma, D. Hood, D. H. Graves and E. S. Moore; Mt. Moriah, Fry Pool and R. C. Gower; Smith's, by J. S. Bailey, C. T. Williams and Rev. J. R. Jones; Clayton, H. G. Buon, A. O. Ellis and J. C. Ellington; Second Church, Raleigh, Rev. D. McLeod and J. C. Birdsong; Bethesda, M. G. Guiley and N. G. Guiley; New Hope, by J. S. Jones; Samaria, H. B. Bagwell; New Bethel, H. Britt; Bethlehem, C. Smith.

There was a lively interest taken in the discussion of the queries prepared by the Executive Committee. They were discussed with pleasure and profit to those present by brethren J. K. Howell, J. R. Jones, A. Weaver, D. McLeod, Prof. E. G. Beckwith, W. H. Chamblie, R. H. Gower, E. S. Moore, H. B. Bagwell and others. The speakers advocated greater seriousness in the study of God's Word and increased activity in church work.

The Committee on Religious Exercises appointed Rev. J. R. Jones to preach on Friday evening, and Rev. A. Weaver on Saturday evening.

The contributions from the churches are as follows: Selma, for Associational Missions, \$4.51; Shiloh, " " " 1.50; Smith's, " " " 1.50; New Bethel, " " " 1.81; White Stone, " " " 2.00; Union for Ass'n, " " " 2.35; Samaria, for State, " " " 5.00.

A collection was taken on Sunday for the benefit of the Sunday School Board. On Sunday morning, the usual Sunday School mass meeting was held, at which the duties and arrangements of the Sunday School work were presented in highly entertaining speeches, by Prof. E. G. Beckwith, and brethren W. H. Chamblie, J. C. Birdsong and others. The Rev. J. R. Jones presided over the meeting.

The Missionary sermon was preached by Rev. J. K. Howell, which was excellent, and delivered in his most forcible style.

The Union was very hospitably entertained by the people of Clayton, among whom are some of our most worthy brethren and sisters.

The next session of the Union was voted to be held with the church at Johnston Antioch, beginning on Friday before the fifth Sunday in August.

W. J. FERRELL, Clerk.
Contributions to Peter's Creek Baptist Church.
Rev. H. A. Brown, John A. Martin, each \$5; I. W. Durham, T. J. Valentine, each \$2; Rev. C. C. Haymore, \$1.50; J. M. Jessup, T. Hill, B. J. L. Haymore, W. B. Needham, J. H. Aldred, each 50 cents; James Norman, James Critz, each one cent.