OUR NEW SECRETARY.

The Board of Missions met on Monday. Sept. 12. and unanimously elected as Corresponding Secretary, to succeed Bro. John E. Ray, Rev. C. Durham, of Durham. We congratulate the Baptists of North Carolina on this admirable selection. Let the new Secretary have the hearty co-operation and prayers of every Baptist in the State.

The South Yadkin Association, which met last week at Eaton's, was not as great a success as we would have preferred. Twelve years ago a few churches separated from the old Yadkin and organized themselves for more efficient work. The old body was unwieldy. There was too much scotch to the wheels. The driving wheel was so large that there was not sufficient steam to turn it. When, therefore, the churches south and east of the Yadkin river, organized under the name of the South Yadkin, the remarkable spectacle was presented at the next meeting of more work done for Christ by the new body, than was formerly done by the older and larger body. And ever since that time the work has steadily increased. There has been forward movement at every session. The efficiency with which this young lieutenant of the Convention did its work was the cause of its rapid rise in ranks. Soon the South Yadkin was one of the best Associations in the State. All rejoiced in the fact. It was a case of rapid growth and not of the mushroom sort either. Since the organization, there had never been a session that witnessed any unredeemed pledges. That was previous to the session just closed at Eaton's. For the first time a backward tendency was noticed. The young giant trembled under the weight of the hard times and weakened a little. The pledges made last year lacked redemption by one-third. and pledges made for the work of the coming year fell back about that much. But, with it all, it is a benediction to be at the South Yadkin. After all there is no cause for uneasiness, we feel, for the men that make up this Association will not permit many backward steps. The Tatums, the Eatons, the Holmans, the Frosts, the Furches' and others among the laymen, will see to it that the Lord's cause will not suffer.

In talking to some of the brethren about this matter of failure on the part of some of our best churches to go forward, the universal cry is short crops. To one who does not claim to be a financier, something more than this seems to be the matter. The farmers have their barns full of wheat, but no money. Why do they not sell? Because they cannot get money for it. There is no money in the towns. For instance, in the most progressive North Carolina town (as we still have need for our scalp, we will not say which) one day last week, money could not be secured from the banks or otherwise, on the best collateral. Another instance: a distinguished brother who desired to leave a small town lately, went over the entire town, from store to store, in the vain effort to secure the small sum of \$25. To his astonishment there was not a man in town who had it. Is it the bad crops, therefore, that is the mat. ter? We do not see it.

But, for the comfort of the brethren, we have men and things at work at both ends of the line. If there is a contraction of the currency, the Washington government will find it out and correct the fault. If the matter is slack crops, the satisfaction remains that the crops are this year abundant enough to satisfy the most greedy, and the market time has come. The snowy cotton by the thousands of bales, and the yellow tobacco by the thousands of wagon loads, will soon flood the pockets of our farmers with money. The people are therefore unnecessarily scared. The fact that there has been no money in their pockets for so long a time, is no reason that there never will be.

At all events, the Associations that are yet to meet must come forward with greater consecration to this work of raising funds to carry forward our dedisgraceful in the sight of God. The hard times present us an opportunity to sacrifice, which we should grasp with the avidity of hungry souls. Every nerve must be stretched for this work The matter must go forward. Every man who does not give more of time and money to the work of the Lord this year than he did last year, will have to bear the charge of unfaithfulness, and will, in a large measure, be responsible for the shame that shall come upon North Carolina Baptists. For ten years there has been no defeat. In the hard year before us, God has offered us a chance for greater victory and greater glory. God will bless those who may impoverish themselves for Him this year.

At the South Yadkin, some of the best speaking was done by R. T. Vann, of the Education Board, W. G. Brown, W. G. Clement, J. F. Tuttle, W. J. Hopkins, A. T. Hord, J. B. Marsh, J. B. Holman, E. F. Tatum, C. E. Gower,

Henry Sheets, and some others. We found a remarkable state of affairs among the ministers of the Association. They are not on a strike, but many of them have resigned. Among them are J. F. Tuttle, Salisbury; A. T. Hord, Third Creek; C. E. Gower, Jerusalem; W.J. Hopkins, Farmington and Eaton's; this operated somewhat against the work; but this state of affairs will prob-

ably be corrected soon. We deserve the pious enmity of some people, for while in Salisbury we had the pleasure of a stay in the home of Bishop Tuttle. His charming family and his own lovely character made us rejoice that we had made it our first usiness to search them out. In company with him and brethren Vann, Windsor, Reid and Long, of Trading Ford, we had a pleasant journey to the

The Home for Aged and Indigent Ministers that was talked of by some of our leading brethren a year ago is now an apparent necessity, and will therefore naturally grow up among us. Our good Bro. Mills of the Baptist Orphanage, while not opposed to the establishment of an aged preachers' home, yet wished the matter deferred as long as possible, and a number of the Board of Managers fully agreed with him; but the necessity is upon us and some of our most liberal and big-hearted brethren, seeing this, have placed in Bro. Mills' hands a small sum to meet this necessity. The Orphanage Association is not now prepared for the task. They need a special house and special arrangements for the work before it can be entered into. And our brethren throughout the State will doubtless supply the Association with

The church at Morehead City has already sent to Bro. Mills our aged brother, the Rev. Jacob Utley, to be cared for. Bro. Utley is now very aged and so infirm as to be entirely dependent. He has been in his day a faithful, conscientious minister, a man of fervent plety and great zeal, and is above reproach. Through his labors the church at Beaufort was established. He has only a few more months and days to spend on earth. These he will spend in a neat and comfortable home in the Orphanage, supplied with every comfort in the reach of the largehearted Manager. He was sent there by his church and pastor, and Brother Mills has generously given him a home, notwithstanding no action had been taken by the Board to that effect. We feel assured the action of Bro. Mills will meet the heartiest endorsement of the Board of Managers and the approval of every worthy Baptist in North Carolina. And we hope all our pastors and churches will take collections for the Orphanage at Thomasville, and so enlarge their gifts that the Manager shall be enabled at an early day to provide for the enlarged work Providence has thrust upon the institution. For the past year the Ministers' Relief Association has contributed to Brother and Sister Utley's support. The members of this organization will cheerfully co-operate with the Orphanage in the work of caring for the aged and infirm Baptist ministers of North Carolina.

The churches should not send any other brother to the Orphanage to be cared for till the Board of Managers have arranged a home for them.

"JOHN SEVIER."

caused so much of a sensation, on account of the sweeping accusations against a majority of the early settlers of North Carolina, is, to say the least, interesting reading. But after reading it we are not in any mood to do any killing. The author, James R. Gilmore (Edmund Kirke), has studied his subject well. Cooling off for a moment from the anger which came with a hot flush when our eyes first lighted upon the paragraphs containing for the ancestors of North Carolinians the epithets "runaways," "worthless trash," scoundrels," and the like, we are compelled to admit the value of his book to history. One feels, as he reads of the thrilling adventures of John Sevier, the founder of the States of Franklin and Tennessee, that he is reading, not the fanciful pictures of a novelist, but of genuine facts of great value both to Tennessee and North Carolina. We have, therefore, no words of depuncia tion for the author. We regret that he permitted his parrative to be colored into misstatements about the early history of our State. In that he disclosed his great weakness as a man and his incapacity for a historian. No doubt our early colonies did contain a large number of worthless characters. Such is a matter of history. But the majority were not so. For that matter, we have no doubt, that the State of Franklin and Tennessee contained just as deeply-dyed secondrels. Mr. Gilmore's ambition to exonerate John Sevier, the man whom North Carolina outlawed, and to flatter a few wealthy Tennessee families, overleaps itself. It causes him to say many ugly things about North Carolina which are patent falsehoods. But, however wicked may be his careless statements, whoever reads "John Sevier" will feel that he has enjoyed a treat. And he will be convinced also that North Caronominational work. To go backward is lina contained, during the early years of our republic, not only a great statesman, a perless military leader (who could have been a Napoleon had the field been offered him)-who fought a hundred battles without ever losing one of them, but one of the most charming characters of whom we have ever read. Alfred Williams & Co. furnished us the

MERCER UNIVERSITY.

sire it at \$1.50 per copy.

book and will furnish any who may de-

The scholarly and highly esteemed President of Mercer University, Dr. A. J. Battle, thinks that our note about his college did him an injustice. We regret it. The truth of the matter is, we only meant to spur our Georgia friends up to doing more for their college, as we try to do in regard to our own college. We are glad to learn that Mercer University is in a prosperous condition. We cheerfully give our readers the following facts

from information just received: "The number of students in attendance during the year just closed was 180. Mercer has a fair endowment, about \$150,000 of productive funds. The grounds are an elevated plateau near the western border of the city of Macon and include about twelve acres. The Main Building is a large and beautiful structure containing nine commodious rooms for lectures and recitations, ample II-

perienced professors dispense thorough instruction. Mercer is acknowledged to rank with the best colleges of Georgiaon a par with her State University."

It was far from our intention to belit tle or ridicule this excellent institution. We intended only to spur the Index and the Baptists of Georgia to its support.

M. L. Kesler, a Wake Forest student from Iredell county, preached morning and night of the first Sunday for the Baptist church in Scotland Neck, to the delight of all who heard him. During the vacation he has been supplying the pulpits of New Hope and Society churches, Iredell county.

During a recent visit to Clinton it was pleasant to meet deacon Isham Royall. After many years of useful labor as a teacher he is now Superintendent of schools for Sampson county. One of his sons is at Wake Forest; to give himself to the ministry when he shall have completed his college course.

J. W. Powell, of Clinton, goes to the Seminary in Louisville at the opening of the fall term. He has been putting in some good work at Faison, Ebenezer and other places. Very wisely he goes to the Seminary for a year, before giving himself to the full work of the ministry. L. M. Curtis goes with him. Both these young men will be heard from in the

The late session of the Flat River Association was a most remarkable meeting. There was very little speaking. There was no need for it. The brethren had been working according to plans and estimates during the year. Whenever the work done fell short of the estimates, or the estimates fell short of what was needed, the brethren rose up with infinite zest and good humor, and did what was required of them. We have never seen it so elsewhere. Seeking to account for it we found the explanation in the large body of splendid laymen sitting before us. Such men as Moderator Hobgood, Alex. Foushee, Jack Meadows, Sam. Howard, Boas. Gooch, Di. Howard, A. C. Parham and J. H. Lassiter, make any meeting a power for truth and righteousness.

At the Central Association Prof. Mills exploded some of the current theories about the effect of mathematical studies on a public speaker. It is thought that exclusive devotion to tuch studies, long continued, emasculates the imagination and dries up the emotions. Macaulay had a horror of mathematics. Judge. The book, "John Sevier," which has Badger is reported to have had little respect for the science. Dr. Pritchard thinks he could have mastered the science though he is quite sure he never did. Prof. Mills is a born mathematician. When a very small boy, Pike's arithmetic was his favorite book for Sunday reading. Everybody knows how ably he has been filling the chair of a mathematics at Wake Forest for many years. Yet how irresistible he is as a platform speaker! It was a refreshment to hear him, at the Central Association, reply to some disparaging remarks which had been made about the young ministers at the College. "The boys" lie close to his heart and he is always eloquent in their behalf.

To the Churches of the Sandy Creek Association.

Dear Brethren :- You have been very kind to our young ministers at Wake last Association resolved to raise for them \$200 this year, of which only \$4.80 have been paid. We are trying hard to reach the Convention out of debt; and if you will each make an effort to help by the meeting of the Association, you ou will greatly cheer and assist us. R. T. VANN.

Reason for Going so Soon.

Since my decision to remain in North Carolina until the last of October had been mublished and it was so generally understood, I deem it but just to the brethren that my reason for leaving so suddenly and unexpectedly should also be stated The following from the President of the Board of Trustees of the Institution to which I go will give the situation more fully than I can express

"Dear Sir :- I have just learned of the serious illness of our beloved Superintendent, Prof. Dudley. He is so low that his physician has forbidden callers. In this emergency I write urging you to arrange your matters to come here as speedily as possible. * * * * Please state to your present employers the sad condition in which our school is placed, and I am sure they will release you. Hoping you will not stay upon your coming, but come at once, I am, "Yours Respectfully,

"HENRI R. FOSTER. As much as I regret it, you will se from the above that I am compelled to go at once. I sincerely hope that the pastors and brethren generally will not soffer the interest of State Missions to lag. My dear brethren, we cannot afford to let this department of our Lord's cause suffer. Let every church and Sunday school and family determine to do something for this great work on the first Sunday in October.

To the Churches of the Eastern Association.

JOHN E. RAY.

Dear Brethren : - Our Board of Education is in pressing need, and is struggling to go up to the Convention free of debt. Twenty five young brethren are asking for the aid we have not felt able to give. I am asking each Association to raise a little, if possible, on its regular contributions, and now make this request of you. If you could raise your usual contribution to \$125 this year, you would greatly aid us thereby. Have it ready at the Association. R. T. VANN.

To the Churches of the King's Mountain Association.

for lectures and recitations, ample in brary rooms, cabinet rooms, apparatus and laboratory, society rooms and offices. A large dormitory building and several cottages afford facilities for lodging, while a refectory is furnished for sixty or seventy boarding students. A handsome chapel or auditory is about to be Bear Brethren: -At your last Associa

erected. A strong force of able and ex- PERSONAL & OTHER ITEMS NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES. . Rev. Clarence Dowell, of Wil-

liamston, was in Raleigh last week. .There were 185 registered students at Wake Forest on Friday evening last. Rev. J. M. McManaway, of Wilson, has accepted the call to Shelby. .Rev. Drs. Landrum and Cooper, of Richmond, Va., have been travelling over the mountains of Virginia.

.... Nearly all the city pastors have returned from their summer vacations refreshed and strengthened for the work. Rev. F. M. Satterwhite has, after pleasant trip to Virginia, returned to

his pastgrate in Edenton, N. C. Bro. T. H. Street reports a revival at Olive Branch church, conducted by Rev. C. F. Humphries, that resulted in

30 conversions. Rev. W. L. Brown, of West Plain, Mo., has accepted the call to Statesville. He will be there on third or fourth Sun-

Rev. J. A. Stradley, of Oxford, under date of Sept. 5th, reports the serious illness of Deacon H. Stovall, of Amis' Chapel.

. Bro. G. A. Herring, of Long Creek, whose family are now in Oxford where his children can attend school, called to see us on Saturday last. He is much pleased with Granville.

....Bro. C. B. Edwards, of Raleigh, left for Denver, Colorado, on Saturday last to attend the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows of the World. He will be absent about three weeks. Bro. C. Durham, aided by Bro. N. B. Broughton of Raleigh, is holding

a series of meetings with his church at Durham. The interest is good and the attendance large. Rev. J. C. Hocutt has recently neld special meetings with his churches, Mt. Moriah, Robertson's Grove, Olive

Branch and Bethesda, that resulted in about fifty professions. His churches are greatly revived and strengthened.Oxford Female Seminary has pened admirably well. There were present on the fourth day of the session as many boarding students as we had during the whole of last Fall Term, and

many are engaged. -F. P. Hobgood. .We regret to learn that Rev. T. Rooke has resigned at Mooresville. Bro. Rooke is one of our most efficient pastors and preachers, and has done a remarkable work at Mooresville. Let our churches see to it that he does not zo out of the State

Dr. Thomas E. Skinner is at present in Boston, where he is engaged in raising money for the endowment of Shaw University. His family are at Barre, Mass. All are well. We trust our brother may succeed in his great undertaking. He can do it if any one

Dr. Wiseman and John Lindsey, wo of the leading brethren of the South Yadkin Association, were necessarily detained from the meeting at Eaton's, We regretted their absence. They are greaty needed at all the general meetings of their Association, and their absence creates a void hard to fill.

.... While at the South Yadkin Association, the writer was one of about thirty who sat down at the hospitable board of Bro. E. Frost, of Cana. He entertains with princely hand. Brother Frost is one of the largest men in the South Yadkin, in body, heart and spirituality, and, to guide it all, has a level

.Dr. Yates has recovered from the slight attack of paralysis, and by this time is again in Shanghai. He wants the brethren to raise the rest of that \$2.200 for the house in Chinkiang, and has decided to build it next winter! He will not return to the United States for rest -thinks he can find a more pleasant and quiet place at Chefoo, if special

.In Franklinton is to be seen by the loiterer, on his way to the Associa tion, a sign of "N. Y. Gulley, Attorney at Law." On inquiry, we found that the owner of the sign was a large factor in the progress and prosperity of this delightful town. Bro. Gulley is one of the ablest and most successful of our young lawyers, and is a whole host in his Association, the Central, where there are many useful men and women.

. Rev. D. N. Gore, now of the antimission Baptists, has a list of 62 appointments in Zion's Landmark, of Sept. 1st. At the end of the list the editor remarks, "He will need conveyance." Bro. Gore has found his place at last, and doubtless his favorite refrain

" This is the way I long have sought,

.... The brethren in Johnston county have taken on new life and zeal, and have recently erected a splendid new house of worship in Clayton, which will be dedicated on second Sunday in October. The new house at Saunder's school house is nearly completed, and Rev. J. R. Jones, of Smithfield, conducted a series of interesting meetings there last week. They are also building a new house of worship at Dunn's, Harnett

. Prof. C. L. Wilson, a brother widely known and loved by the musicloving people of North Carolina, will, on first of November, open a music school in Raleigh, where he will prepare persons for teaching singing and conducting the service of song in our congregations choirs and Sunday schools. We be speak for him a large number of stuients. It would pay some of our churches to send one of their members to this

.... Mrs. F. M. Purefoy died at her home in Wake Forest Monday morning. September 12:h. She was a daughter of the late Deacon Robert Jones of this city. The husband and family have our heartfelt sympathy. She was one of the best of women. All loved her. She met peop'e with a kindly smile that charmed them and told of a warm christian heart. In her life she was a constant example of christian loveliness. The long struggle is over and she is at rest, but we give her up with mourning. May God comfort those she has left be

.... The Reidsville Democrat of the 8th contains the following sad account of the death of the little son of Brother and Sister Wright: "A cloud of sadness and sorrow hangs over many in our town by the death of little Royal Wright. the eldest son of Rev. W. L. Wright. He had had diphtheria for several weeks, but was seemingly out of danger, but on last Sunday was suddenly taken with convulsions from which he never railied. He lingered till Monday morning when God called him home to heaven. It was doubly trying to the fond parents by Mr. Wright being away and did not get home until after his lovely boy was

Bear Swamp--Ashpole. I have just closed a series of interest ing meetings in the Bear Swamp and Ashpole churches, with the following

At Bear Swamp twenty were added to the church-nineteen by baptism and one by restoration; at Ashpole, seven were added to the church—three by baptism and four by restoration. Two of those who were baptized came over to us from the Presbyterians. The meeting at Ashpole was wonderful in some espects: there were more penitents than ever saw before, and fewer joined the

During all these meetings I received aluable assistance from the following brethren: J. J. Scott, O. P. Meeks, pas tors at Red Springs and Lumberton, and also T. Jordan Cobb, one of the excellent young men of Wake Forest.

It is my intention to give up the Ashpole church after October, and I hope the church at this place will do its whole duty and employ a pastor for all his time. It is able to do this, provided each one puts his shoulder to the wheel. For the past four years I have been trying to do the work of two or three men, but I propose this year to contract my

If our pastors all over the State would contract their labors, and the churches all over the State pray for the conversion of their pocket-books, more men could be put in the field, and the State would soon be captured. A 3 (3) (J. A. SMITH,

State Line--Amis' Chapel--Grassy Creek--Mountain Creek--Aaron's

Creek, Va. Dear Brother :- Though a stranger to you, I yenture to drop you a line or two in reference to the movements in the Lord's vineyard in my region. It very much pleases me to have the gratifying intelligence to send you of some very successful meetings that have lately been held around me.

At State Line the paster, Rev. Thos. W. Greer, held a very fine meeting, in which I think there were some 30 conversions. This is a new church, and in the person of their pastor they have a man of strong mental endowments, and on earnest, able and eloquent preacher. know of few who can surpass him, either as a pastor or revivalist.

Rev. J. A. Stradley, the pastor Amis' Chapel, held a very fine meeting there lately, and some 50 souls were converted. Rev. Mr. Greer assisted in this meeting, preaching with very powerful effect.

Rev. R. H. Marsh, D. D., pastor of drassy Creek church, held a meeting there the latter part of July, in which ne was assisted by a young brother Watkins, a student of Wake Forest College. The pastor and his associate both preached exceptionally well, and the church was very much edified and built up. Fifteen persons professed conversion in this meeting. Dr. Marsh succeeded the venerable Rev. R. I. Devin, who for 30 or 40 years was the popular pastor by all his congregation at Grassy Creek. Rev. C. A. Jenkins, the pastor of Mountain Creek, held a good meeting, understand, but have not heard how many professions were made.

Rev. H. G. Crews, the pastor of Aaron's Creek, Halifax county, Va., held a ten days' meeting with that church lately, and had a most excellent meeting. Some 25 or 30 professed faith. Bro. Crews has been pastor of that church some nine years, and continues popular with the church and congregaion. He is a splendid preacher. I have heard of other good meetings, and the Great Head of the Church seems to be visiting His people with great bless-

ings this year. Praise the Lord. M. F. WILLARD. Noblin, N. C., Aug. 27, 1887. Kerr's Chapel.

Dear Brother :- I joined Bro. J. H. Vernon in a meeting at Kerr's Chapel the 3d Sunday in August, which lasted until the 4th Sunday. The church was wonderfully revived, a large number professed faith in Christ, and nine united with the church, with several others to follow. The meeting will not soon be forgotten. The Kerr's Chapel folks are good people, and a better man never lived than Rev. J. H. Vernon, their pastor. He loves his people and they love him. Both are worthy of being loved.

Sincerely; Madison, Sept. 1, 1887.

Cool Spring .- Friendship.

Dear Recorder :- I closed an interesting meeting with the church at Cool Spring to day. Baptized 4, and others will follow soon. One of the four bantized to-day is an old lady 93 years old. She was raised a Quaker, and is the mother of one of our Deacons. I baptized 17 at Friendship on the

12th August. Bro. J. D. Hackney helped me at Friendship, and did some good preaching, by which he greatly endeared himself to the people and church. W. H. H. LAWHON. Sanford, Sept. 1, 1887.

Zion -- Antioch

Dear Recorder :- I write to inform you that I closed a meeting at Zion church on the 24th instant, in which I was engaged 11 days, and the result was, six baptized and one by letter, and left a number of anxious inquirers. I commenced a meeting at Antioch church on the 25th, in which I was engaged five days, and resulted in six by baptism, and several more to be baptized yet. left those churches a reatly revived, and the prospects for the future is good. I hope to mee! a number of the brethren at our Association—the Catawba River, which meets at Abee's Chapel, 4 miles outh of Connally's Springs, on Thurslay before the 2d Sabbath in October. Wishing the RECORDER grand success

on its broad mission. I remain yours fraternally, W. F. HULL.

Whiteville .- Fair Bluff -- Spring Branch.

Dear Recorder :- I have just finished my round of protracted meetings in my burches. We began a meeting in Whiteville on Monday after the 3d Sunday in August, which continued until last night. Bro. W. B. Oliver, of Mabeing a collection of Scripture references on the subject in hand. He preaches with Bible in hand, and reads his prooftexts from the fountain of Truth, hence he cannot fail to be impressive. I was struck many times during his series of sermons with the power of a simple Scripture statement. Our church here was not in a very

favorable condition for a revival at this time, consequently the visible results are small, only two received for baptism.

met lately. The church was greatly revived, and seven added to the church. Fair Bluff is the most hopeful church on this field, and with the proper leader-ship, is destined one day to be the banner church of this county.

Our meeting at Spring Branch came

if about the last of July, brethren J. H. Smith and J. C. Rockwell doing the preaching. Only one was added to the hurch, but this does not mean that it was not a good meeting. The fact is, we have had good meetings every year or four year's past, and the material for ingathering is mainly exhausted. The church was revived, for how could t help it under such preaching ? Smith is the "old war-horse" of this section, and a more genial, whole soul consecrated brother it has never been my happy lot to know. It makes it doubly s2d for me to leave this section, because I will have to miss his counsel and co-operation. And of Rockwell, what shall I say? Not yet 21, has been preaching but a little over six months, is over six feet high, and as awkward as he is long, ne is the best preacher for his experience ever heard. He is naturally a poet and much of his preaching is couched n poetic expressions, yet he is by no means fanciful, or given to sky-scraping oratory. I should pronounce him the lalmage of the Cape Fear.

Well, only two months more and eave this field upon which I have given the best work in my power for the past four years. And the nearer the time comes for moving the sadder the thought of moving becomes. I have been treated so kindly, so much better than I have ever deserved, that I feel a debt of grattude I can never repay. But I yield to conviction of duty, and must sever he ties that have so strongly bound us together. The Lord send them a better pastor than I have ever been, for they undoubtedly deserve a better one.

Buie's Creek, Piny Grove and Neil's

A. W. PRICE.

worker.

Dear Recorder :- Since the fourth Sunday in July I have held meetings a Buie's Creek, Piny Grove and Neil's Creek churches, with good results. At Buie's Creek I baptized six; at Piny Grove eleven, and at Neil's Creek seven

-total 24. At the close of my meeting at Neil's Creek, my wife was taken sick, and for twelve days I have been closely confined at her bedside, and must be for sometime yet. We are away from home in the Lord's field, but kindly cared for by our dear friends. We are at the house of Brother J. A. Johnson, in Harnett county, at whose home God's servants have often lodged, and we find in him and his kind family the true spirit of the good Samaritan.

J. M. HOLLEMAN. September 3rd, 1887.

Mt. Olive. Dear Recorder :- We commenced recently at Mt. Olive church, Chatham county, Saturday before the first Sunday in August, and lasted eight days. Forty professed faith in Christ. The first Sunday in September in the presence of the largest crowd of people I ever saw, I baptized twenty-two in Haw river; five were restored. Rev. P. S. Ferguson was with me all the time. The church was greatly revived. At all of my churches we have had good meetings, the best I have ever had. Sixtvfive or seventy professed faith in Christ. To God be all the glory.

G. P. MOORE. Pittsboro, Sept. 5th, 1887.

Beulah -- Hermon-Poplar Grove-Piny Dear Recorder:-The protracted meeting season being over in my churches, I proceed to send you the results, as far could see them. We continued the meeting at Beulah from the Union meeting, which met with us in July. Bro. L. M. Curtis remained with us several days and preached some powerful sermons. Bro. L. R. Carroll was with us nearly the whole time and helped much by his earnest exhortations and prayers. Meeting continued one week.

Result: baptized 17, restored 1. We commenced at Hermon Thursday before the 2nd Sunday in August, and continued four days. Bro. H. J. Duncan preached two good sermons for us. Bap-

We have just closed meetings of one week each at Poplar Grove and Piny Grove. Bro. J. W. Powell, who has recently laid aside the law and entered the minisitry, did most of the preaching. His sermons were able and effect-Result at Poplar Grove: baptized Result at Piny Grove: baptized 6. All the above churches are in Sampson county. We feel that much good has been accomplished

Fraternally, J. L. BRITT. Warsaw, N. C., Sept. 5th, 1887.

Glen Alpin. Dear Brother:-We have just closed meeting of much interest at Glen Alpin Baptist church. Nine souls, as we trust, were truly regenerated, and a score of others (hardened sinners) asked to be prayed for. The church was much revived, and confessed their faults one to

Brother G. S. Dougherty did all the preaching for us, and did it well. We recommend him as an evangelist and a true christian worker. The Lord be praised for all his good-B. F. KNOTT. ness towards us. Glen Alpin Station, Sep. 5, 1887.

Clemonsville. The church at Clemonsville has per

haps never enjoyed a better meeting

than the one which closed on Friday

night the 2d inst. Elder C. C. Haymore joined the pastor on Monday, and, after entering into the meeting, did some excellent preaching. Bro. Haymore and myself have worked much together, and a more earnest, faithful worker I have never had with me in a meeting. As a result of the meeting eighteen were baptized at Douthil's Ferry on Friday evening in the presence of a large number of people. It was delightful to see several fathers walk arm in arm with their sons and daughters down into the water. The Lord was with us from the beginning and favored us with beautiful weather. and a lovelier picture could hardly be seen than that presented at the water A large audience lined the banks of rion, did the preaching, and more faith- the river under the overhanging shade ful preaching I have never heard. His trees, while the river in front presented style is conversational, his method in- a most levely appearance in the smooth tensely biblical, many of his sermons gliding waters made eddy by a dam just below us which stretched from shore to shore. The sun hanging low in the west with its gentle rays falling upon the waters, and the shade of the trees cast-ing their shadows along the banks made us feel as if we were basking in the smile of God. So often have I gone into the beautful Yadkin, and having been bap-tized in it myself—that to think of it is but to awaken the most hallowed recol-lections. In its waters my dear old by Mr. Wright being away and did not get home until after his lovely boy was coid in death. We were glad to see the many kindly expressions of sympathy and love shown to the stricken family and love shown to the stricken family by the many who clustered around them in their sorrow. Beautiful was it to behold the christian resignation of both the parents in this their severest trial. Thus are we brought nearer together and nearer to God. The funeral services, were conducted by the Rev. W. R. Gwaltney, of Greensboro."

Are small, only two received for baptism. There was deep interest in the congregation, and we cannot but feel that there eased sown to be reaped in after years.

We held a week's meeting at Fair Bluff, ending with the 3d Sunday in August, assisted by Bro. O. P. Meeks. Well, Bro. Meeks came, he presched, he captured the Fair Bluff brethren. He has the capacity for packing more pure old-fashlonsd gospel in a thirty minutes sermon than any brother I have father (now gone to his reward) and mother were baptized, with dear broth-ers and sisters, and besides having been born and reared beside it, makes it to

families, which I believe will make use ful members of the church. The church at Clemonsville has made a good record during the past year. A good Sunday school has been kept up, and notwithstanding the hard times, it has gone beyond its pledges, which were by no means small, but ranked among the highest made in the Association. Taking it altogether this was one o

the most enjoyable meetings it has been my privilege to attend in a long time, and I hope it is only the beginning of better things still.

Fraternally yours, S. F. CONRAD. Lewisville, N. C., Sept. 3d, 1887.

St. John's .- Lawrence's Cross Roads Dear Recorder :- It was my delightful rivilege to commence a series of meetngs with the church at St. John's on first Sunday in August. On Monday Rev. T. C. Britton came to my assist ance and remained eleven days, and did glorious work. There were 32 confessions, 28 baptisms, four will unite with other churches, as result of the meeting. I commenced a meeting of days on third Sunday at Lawrence's X Roads. assisted by B. B. Williams. T. T. Speight came Tuesday and left Thursday. Bro. Williams did the most of the preaching: and did it well; 21 confessions, 17 baptisms and I restored. All glory and honor belongeth unto the Lord.

M. L. GREEN.

Enon. I am now engaged in my ninth proracted meeting with the Enon church We are having a good meeting. Every year we have had a good meeting, and received into the church from eighteen to twenty-five persons. We hope to have a large ingathering of souls this time. Bro. Gower, of Moxville, is assisting me in the meeting. He is a good

C. C. H.

Mana, Sept. 1, 1887. Ramoth Gilead -- Shiloh -- Creswell's.

Ramoth Gilead's meeting began the

fourth Sabbath in July and closed on

the following Friday. The weather was extremely warm and some of the brethren were not quite out of their crops. Both these things tended against the prosperity of our meeting. Dr. R. R. Overby did most of the preaching, and I need not add how it was done. Rev. J. F. Love was also with me and did good service in singing and exhortation. Twenty-one have been received into the fellowship of this charge during the present year. Sister S. Gertrade Jones collected money and purchased a good communion set for her church. and also did good service in behalf of the Orphange. A number of others, most of whom were young brethren and sisters, have carpeted our house and helped; much in securing our church to pledge to the Baptist Orphanage for the purchase of "The Chowan Tract." Such efforts on the part of the young members of my charge are very encouraging to the pastor. Efforts on the part of the older members are none the less served, kindly and encouraging mention of efforts by those who are soon to take the places now filled with the aged and burden bearing. I feel grateful for what the Lord has done for us here and hope his favor may continue with his

Shiloh's meeting, Camden county, began on the first Sabbath in August, and continued to the second Lord's day. Forty-four were added to this charge, some of whom had gone so far and long in sin, as to make the church almost despair of their salvation. "But nothing is too hard for the Lord," and, therefore, we trust they were "born of God." Dr. Overby, Revs. R. B. Collier, deorge Baker, Wells Briggs, A. W. Burfoot. P. S. C. Davis, W. Y. Everton, J. F. Love, John Jones, C. B. Williams and the pastor constituted the corps of preachers at this meeting, and still the meeting proved to be "a heavenly place" and work in Christ Jesus. Brethren R. R. Overby, R. B. Collier, A. W. Burfoot, W. Y. Everton, John Jones and the pastor did the preaching. "Paul planted and Apollos watered, but God gave the increase." To his name be all the praise now and forever! The young men's prayer-meeting feature in the work of shiloh is very encouraging. The sisters also have a mission society, in which they are still at work to spread the gospel. One sad occurrence during our meeting I did not mention, which I will now note, namely, the deaths of brethren John West and Tilman Forbes, whose bodies passed through the con-

ing was in progress. The Lord gave and took away during the same week. Blessed be the name of the Lord.". Creswell's meeting, Washington couny, was commenced for me by Rev. J. F. Love, on the second Sabbath in August, and continued through one week. Rev. George Baker preached on Monday evening and brethren Everton and Love continued with me during the week. Notwithstanding the weather was unfavorable, the congregations were usually "on time," large and well-behaved. I do not think this people can be excelled in church behavior. Surely, it has never been my fortune to serve a people who knew how to better respect the house and worship of God. This is no meaningless flattery; but a deserved compliment paid an attentive and appreciative congregation. Ten were reseived as the result of our labors herenine baptized and one awaiting the ordinance at my next appointment. If this charge had a good pastor located nearer than the present incumbent, the work would progress more rapidly and well. May the Lord direct to the right man, if my conjecture is correct, and ocate him in the midst of this worthy

gregations to the grave, while our meet-

Elizabeth City, Sept. 8, 1887.

Cedar Rock.

O. C. HORTON.

Dear Recorder :- It was my privilege to hold a meeting for the church at Cedar Rock, Franklin county, N. C., beginning on the second Sunday in August. The pastor, the Rev. G. M. Duke, could not be present, as he had promised to help Bro. Harper that week at Sharpsburg before this meeting was appointed. For the first day or two there was very little interest manifested, but after then it began to increase and by Friday night there had been twelve proessions and several who had grown cold and indifferent had the joy of salvation restored to them.

I had very little ministerial help. Bro. Joyner (a Wake Forest student), preached one sermon. I did ail the rest according to the best of my ability. As a result of the meeting 8 or 10 have been baptized. Among the number was an influential young lady who for years had been a member of the Methodist church. She had for sometime been dissatisfied about baptism, but now en-joys the answer of a good conscience because she has obeyed the Lord Jesus Christ. This church is in a good condition, and is situated in one of the

feeling glad that it had been my privi-lege to be with them, and now I feel like saying that happy is the poor student who spends a week at Cedar Rock. I would like to speak of the meetings at Mt. Zion, Battleboro and Rehoboth, but Bro. Duke will write you about them soon. God bless you and the RE-CORDER. Yours in Christ, G. L. FINCH

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To the Churches of Tar Miver Association.

Bear Brethren :- During the past session aid was given to two of your breth. ren, both of whom are received under your instructions. You proposed to send us during the year \$284.80, of which amount \$33.55 have been received thus far. Relying on these pledges we paid the expenses of the young brethren, each of whom has shown himself worthy of the help given him. I now ask the brethren to bestir themselves in the little time left, and have the remaining \$250 ready at the Association. We are in sore need of it. R. T. VANN.

Progress Reported.

Dear Recorder :- We have a lot of land donated to the Baptists. The trustees of Greensboro church hold the deed The frame for the house 30x36 feet is up. It is located about five miles southwest from Greensboro. We have a good Sabbath school with Baptist literature. and the school seem to be well pleased. I have been preaching there about four years, two at my own charge. We are hopeful because we are at work, not because the work is done.

May the Lord grant that many with big hearts may read these lines. R. R. MOORE. Greensboro, Sept. 8th, 1887.

MARRIED.

BORNACASCEL-MATTHEWS-At the residence of Mr. Asa Phelps, in Bertie county, N. C., Sept. 7, 1887, Mr. J. E. Bornacascel to Miss Annie Matthews, R. J. Shields, J. P., officiating. All of Bertie Co.

DIED.

THOMPSON-At the residence of his father, Deacon Thomas Thompson, in Columbus county, August 20th, 1887, Mr. Gaston H. Thompson, in the 28th year of his age. He had been unwell for several weeks from a wound accidentally received while at work, which finally developed into typhoid fever, which resulted in death after a few days of severe suffering. Bro. Thompson was a member of Whiteville Baptist church, and had been for many years. He was large-hearted. energetic and brave. We saw him only a month before we preached his funeral, and he was the picture of health, and bid fair to reach his three score years and ten, and we could hardly realize the sad fact that he was gone, stricken down in the vigor of young manhood. But alas ! another demonstration of the maxim: "In the midst of life we are in death." He died in the triumph of the christian faith, and exhausted his last breath in praising God. rom the home of hi we bore him away to the graveyard and committed his body to the faithful tomb, to be kept in custody until released by the trumpetblast of the resurrection morn.

WARLICK-Departed this life July 19th, 1887. Bro. Abel Warlick, son of Philip and Sarah Warlick, of Burke county, N. C., and brother-in-law of Rev. R. B. Jones, by whom he was much loved. He was baptized in September, 1866, by Rev. Isaac Oxford, into the fellowship of Warlick's Chapel, of which he lived a consistent member, and was married in December, 1866, to Miss M. M. Abernethy, daughter of J: Rooker and Stacy Abernethy, of Gaston county, N. C. He was deeply interested in the welfare of the church, a cheerful giver of his substance to the support of the gospel; longed to see his pastor well paid, and delighted in hearing preaching and worshipping God. Inoffensive, harmless, kind to all. To know him was but to love him. In his last hours he rejoiced in Christ, did not fear death, and was heard to say, "Lord Jesus, come quickly." "Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me." He died most triumphantly, leaving a wife, one son and a large circle of relatives and friends to mourn their loss. May we meet him beyond the river.

A FRIEND. FOUSHEE-At his home near Bushy Fork, Person county, N. C., on 3d of September, A. C. Foushee, in his 87th year. Deceased professed religion when about 15 years old, but for some reason never joined any church, though he proved by a pious walk and godly conversation, that his profession was not in vain. We believe he has gone to rest with all the finally faithful.

YEATES-Sister Mary A. Yeates departed this life Aug. 16, 1887. Born October, 1827. baptized 1848, into the fellowship of Capehart's church, 1880, she moved her fellowship to Lawrence's X Road church, Bertie county, N. C. She leaves three sons to mourn their loss. She has gone to meet her husband in heaven. Weep not, dear children, you will meet Ma and Pa by and by. J. W. L.

WATSON-Sister Mary Ann Watson died at the home of her daughter, in Bertie county, N. C., August 31st, 1887. God gave her 61 years on earth, and 47 of those years she gave to him. At 14 she was baptized into the fellowship of Connaritsa church by Eld. Stephen Bazemore. At her death she was a member of Sandy Run church. A christian woman has gone away to be with Christ. An humble walk before God, a consistent life before her neighbors, the sweet spirit of her Lord manifested in her life, endeared her to a large circle of friends. In sickness and in the pres ence of death, sister Watson showed how implicitly she trusted Christ. No murmuring, but a complete submission to God's will, characterized her whole life. Her faith made her cheerful, hopeful, happy; and in a remarkable degree she possessed a meek and quiet spirit. A large crowd attended the funeral of this good woman, who has gone away to be with her Lord. Her husband died 24 years ago, loved and honored as a christian man. God be thanked for the re-unions of heaven, for such a life, for such a triumphant death, for such an influence over those who knew her

Acknowledgments.

State Missions .- Western Section, Eastern Asso. \$4.75; Yadkin Asso. (Sunday coll.,) Clemmonsville ch., Liberty Asso., 3.53; Salisbury ch., South Yadkin Asso., 7.00; Alpine church, Catawba River Asso., 12.50; Brushy Mt. Asso., 8.88; Sunday coll. Brushy Mt. Asso., 7.00; Wilkesboro ch., Brushy Mt. Asso., 2.25; L. S. and T. W. Ebeltoft, 2.00; Rev. J. F. Tuttle, 5.00; Forestville church, Central Asso., 10.00. Total, 80.39.

Foreign Missions .- L. M. S., Bethel ch. Yadkin Asso., \$1.70; Wake Forest church, Central Asso., 5.34; Murfreesboro ch., West Chowan Asso., 11.59; L. S. and T. W. Ebeltoft, 2.50; Alpine ch., Catawba River Asso., 12.50; Forestville ch., Central Asso., 14.34.

Total, 47.97. Education .- Yadkin Asso., \$5.30 : Brushy Mt. Asso., 5.25; Wilkesboro church, Brushy Mt. Asso., 85c.; Salisbury ch., South Yadkin Asso., 3.67; Wake Forest ch., Central Asso., 5.34; Murfreesboro ch., West Chowan Asso., 2.45; Salisbury ch., South Yadkin Asso., 2.35; L. S. and T. W. Ebeltoft, 2.00; Forestville church, Central Asso., 10,00. Total,

Sunday Schools.—Winton Miss. Society. West Chowan Asso., \$20.00. Home Missions, S. B. C.—Salisbury ch., South Yadkin Asso., \$3.83; Wilkesboro ch., Brushy Mt. Asso., 1.27; L. S. and T. W. Ebeltoft, 1.50; Forestville ch., Central Asso., 4.61. Total, 11.21.

Baptist Orphanage.—Littleton S. S., \$5.00; L. W. Bagley, 1,00; Forestville ch., Central Asso., 4,00, Total, 10.00. F. H. Briggs, Treas. Bap. State Con. Raleigh, N. C., Sept. 10, 1887.