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## TENDENCIES THAT NEED CURING.

We assume so often the role of adviser for our younger brethren that we are prompted here to say that this is done because we love them and feel a lively interest in their future success as preachers of God's word. In this paper we wish to put them on their guard against certain tendencies that prevail more or less among them, and that evidently need watching and curbing. These remarks will apply especially to those who have enjoyed the advantages of college and seminary training. Among the tendencies referred to we may mention the following

1. The disposition to depreciate the gifts and worth of those who have not enjoyed their advantages, in the way of college or seminary training. Literary and theological training is usually of great help to a minister; but we must remember that there have been some "mighty men of valor" among us that have rubbed but little or not at all against college walls. It is often the case that some of our younger and more talented ministers occupy pastorates that have been established under God, through the prayers, the tears, and the toils of older and less gifted brethren. Some of these, after they have almost retired from active service, spend the evening of their days with churches presided over by younger and more active brethren. When such is the case, it should be a pleasure to the younger minister and his congregation to show by delicate courtesies and brotherly attention that they appreciate his presence and delight to do him honor. We have seen old, and even gifted ministers however, rather shabbily treated by younger pastors and by their congregations. The younger pastors will not only be brought in intimate contact with this class of ministers under the circumstances mentioned, but in many other, and often when they are in active service and are their fellow-pastors in the communities where their lot is cast. Don't forget, brethren, to honor, respect and encourage these older pastors, and remember that they are often better pastors at fifty or sixty years of age than you are with all your early training, for they have learned many things that you will not know until you have learned more at the school of experience.

2. Another tendency of the kind mentioned, is to contract hasty and injudicious marriages. Some one has said it is "hard to mix love and books;" and it is a fact that our students, while pursuing their studies, often form ardent attachments, become engaged, and frequently cut short their course of study in order to marry. It is to be expected that young men would form "ardent attachments," enter engagements, &c. It does not follow, however, that these are wise things to do; and especially is it unwise to cut short their courses to marry. If our young student friends, then, are not already entangled in love's net, we advise them to keep clear of such during their courses of study. But if they are already caught, and especially if they are engaged, let them be true to their promises. In this latter case, the young lady in question can be very helpful by standing firm to her engagement and carefully avoiding "lovers' quarrels." We are aware of the fact that this is quite a delicate subject on which to give advice, and we fear we will receive scant thanks from the parties for whom it is intended; but it is for the good of our dear young brethren and sisters that we give it, and the time is coming when they will thank us for it.

In choosing a wife some of our young ministers show a great want of prudence, foresight, and we may add, sometimes of common sense. The usefulness of some ministers has been seriously crippled by marrying ungodly women; others by marrying laughters of luxury who can never adapt themselves to their husbands' circumstances; others by marrying women of other faiths, who not only fail to unite with their husband's church, but use constant effort to proselyte them to their own faith. We d of a talented young Baptist preacher lately who married a lady belonging to a of in this case the husband proved to be wasker vessel," and now preaches the

cannot afford to be misunderstood no of these latter kind of match as and some noble pastors' wives were that some remain such all their alls care to make it unpleasant

be understood, now, that we are writing about ministers and their wives, and not about our laymen. Many of these will make raids into other faiths for helpmeets, and they often make congenial companions; especially when they join the churches with which their husbands are connected; and that is easy to do without surrendering any conscientious principles. We cannot say as much for Baptist ladies who marry men of other faiths. A true Baptist can never be anything but a Baptist, and men of other creeds who marry Baptist wives ought to respect them more for being true to their convictions; and if they will carefully and prayerfully examine the faith of their wives they are apt to accept it. These words are written in kindness for all concerned, praying that God may lead those that are in trouble into the light of liberty and peace. 3. And again, there is danger that our

young ministers so speak or write of the pastorates, which in the providence of God they receive early in their ministry, as to discourage other young brethren equally as worthy and talented who have been less fortunate in becoming located, or else if not located, more fastidious and ambitious in accepting work that may be offered to them. For instance, we recently read in a first-class seminary magazine a rather glowing and self-congratulatory letter from a young minister happily located in a pleasant little town in the bluegrass region of Kentucky. His description of the country where he lives, which he thinks is the garden spot of the State, is accompanied by a sentence or so in which he informs us that it is also noted for good whiskey, fast horses and pretty women. He is thoughtful enough to add that he can testify for the fast horses and pretty women, but refers his readers to men of the world as to the whiskey. The letter not only abounds in passages of questionable taste, but is calculated to cause other young ministers who have an eye to bodily comforts, light work, luxurious living, &c., and those on hard fields as they are called, to suppose that their lot, compared to his, is unfortunate; and hence, they become dissatisfied, and seek other pastorates. Young ministers not located, after reading such letters, may so long for a pastorate in just such a country as to refuse to accept one in a country which they imagine is less highly favored.

Our ministers must remember that they are Christ's soldiers, and that they must go where the Great Captain directs, and that they are to seek the souls of the people where they find them, rather than fair lands or highly favored countries. Letters like the one referred to are a poor means of developing that sturdiness of character and contented spirit that should characterize preachers of the gospel. Christ's embassadors cannot afford to cultivate the spirit of novices, nor can they belong to the order of the Dilettanti.

THE honest legislator who desires to conserve the interests of his constituents, deserves the sympathy of all good people. On the one hand there is the pressure of the tax payers enjoining him against extravagant appropriations, and on the other hand are the ardent and enthusiastic advocates of each separate measure setting forth the imperative needs of his project. But there are some things that every member of the Legislature ought to keep constantly before his eyes, one of which is that many of these earnest pleaders have no interest in the measures except for the pay they get for their pleadings.

When these paid agents of rich corporations come with their siren songs they ought to pass by the ear as quickly as the breezes. And when some heavy salaried officers of such corporations come with their pathetic and intensely patriotic addresses, there ought to rise up alongside of them the thousands of poor tax payers who have not one cent to spare from the direst necessaries of life, many of whom are deprived of sleep on account of their very homes and means of living being under mortgage, while they are unable to redeem them. Another view in the scene ought not to be left out-that a few of these rich and richly paid employees, getting from \$5,000 to \$10,000 annually, could much more easily pay for these patriotic measures than the poor struggling property owners, the vast majority of whom have to deny themselves of the common comforts of life.

There are some existing institutions that require appropriations to sustain them; while these ought to be kept up, any increase for them ought to be carefully guarded, and any and every instance in which the managers of institutions have presumed to go beyond the appropriations and instructions, and have come up with a debt, it ought to be repudiated as a rebuke to all such presumption. Indeed this is the cars to make it unpleasant only remedy against such unwarrantable and by so doing. And let it proceedings. There is a crisis upon the

body of our tax producers, and the wise and prudent legislator should shut his eyes to all sentimentalism and refuse to vote one dollar to anything that is unnecessary. We insist upon it that this is no time to-make unnecessary appropriations. ALRIE OF GATO

## FROM OUR TRAVELLING AGENT.

ROCKY MOUNT.

This town has grown very much in the last year. The tobacco trade is considerable, and has done much to change the complexion of the town. Also, the bringing of the shops by the W. & W. Railroad to the place has had a decided influence in favor of the business of the town.

Bro. G. L. Parker, who is one of the leading brethren here in his church, is full of hope for the future of the town, not only from a business stand-point, but thinks our denominational interest has the best outlook we have ever had. Bro. Love did a fine work here, and the brethren remember him with great pleasure. His faithful ministry and the training which he gave the church will tend greatly to lighten the burdens of his successor. A few days preceding my visit, the church had called Bro. Cooper of Indiana for all of his time.

The snow was getting off, and the feel ings of the brethren were more cheerful in the hope of nicer weather and better busi-

I spent a night with Bro. W. E. Daniel in Weldon. It is pleasant to spend some time with him and his interesting household under any circumstances, but to be exempt at the same time from the bumping and blowing of freight trains, which makes night so hideous near the depot, makes the privilege a gracious one indeed.

The church at Weldon has for some time been without a pastor, but they now think they have one, and if they should succeed in securing the brother whom they have in mind, both the church and the Tar River Association are to be congratulated. This church, although without a pastor, have kept up their regular contributions. This speaks well for the zeal of the members as well as for the good influence left by their former

At half past five o'clock Friday morning, with eyes partly open, I start for the Warren Union, which met in the town of Warrenton. Bro. Gardner very kindly met me at Warren Plains, and at half past eight o'clock I had taken my seat in front of a breakfast, which-judging from the quantity of things present-was prepared for Dr. C. Durham, Bro. J. H. Mills and myself; but as these brethren were not present, there remained much to be taken up.

Bro. N. L. Shaw was elected Moderator of the Union. The bad weather kept away many who would have been present under other conditions; but the Union was a success from the beginning. A Moderator like Bro. Shaw, full of life and zest, does much to help along a meeting. Another thing in our favor was that we had an excellent program. It is really astonishing what silly, impracticable subjects we sometimes see proposed for discussion at our Union Meetings. At this Union, there is this to be said : the program was probably better adapted to the occasion than some of the speakers were to the subjects. For instance, woman's work was assigned to Dr. Mitchell and Bro. Morton. Bro. Cobb was added later, and was thoroughly at home on this subject.

The brethren used Bro. VanDeventer freely. He always makes good preparation. and speaks with force and earnestness.

Prof. Hobgood of Oxford Female Seminary treated the audience to an elaborate and ornate address on education. The address was prepared with great care, and the brethren were liberal in their expressions of

The Orphanage was discussed by brethren' Fleming and T. M. Allen, and after the discussion was over, a cash collection of twenty dollars was received from the audience. The Orphanage has no better friends anywhere than can be found in the Warrenton church. The Sunday school contributes five dollars to this work every month.

Bro, Mitchell's talk about Palestine was one of the most interesting features of the Union. He will not allow any one to call it a lecture; nevertheless, the style and matter of the address were very interesting and in-

The Warrenton brethren did everything possible to make the Union a succes every one was delighted with the kind and hospitable entertainment of the delegates present. J. C. C.

REV. L. L. READ of Hackensack, N. J. has, says the New York World of Feb. 5th. 1898, after a great deal of research, decided that Heaven is located in the star Aleyone, the brightest in the constellation Pleiades This star is now to be seen at about 8:30 o'clock almost directly overhead. We refer this discovery to Rev. M. V. McDuffle of New Brunswick, N. J.

PERSONALS AND OTHER ITEMS.

. Rev. J. W. Atkinson of Roger's Store called to see us last Monday.

Rev. J. R. Maynard of Morrisville called to see us on Monday.

.... Bro. Archibald Johnson of Laurinburg, N. C., called to see us one day last

.Col. J. R. Webster, Reidsville, editor of Webster's Weekly, paid us a pleasant visit

.... Rev. O. C. Horton has just returned from a visit to his old home in Elizabeth City, N. C.

... Rev. I. T. Newton of Wake Forest College is called to the pastorate of the church in Apex, N. C.

.... Prof. J. F. Lanneau and Mrs. Lanneau of Wake Forest paid a pleasant visit to our office last Saturday.

.Rev. Dr. Hall received ten persons into the fellowship of the Tabernacle church, Raleigh, on Sunday last.

... Dr. J. W. Carter, of the First church, Raleigh, gave the hand of fellowship to four new members last Sunday. Bro. W. F. Marshall, editor of the

Gastonia Gazette, was in the city last week, and paid us a pleasant call. ....Rev. T. E. Jasper, of Manning, S. C., writes us that he could be induced to accept

pastoral work in North Carolina. .... We learn from the Lumberton Robe

sonian that Bro. E. D. Johnson is very ill, and thought to be beyond recovery. . Bro. Henry C. Dockery of Rocking-

ham, N. C., was in the city last week on legislative business, and paid us a call. ... Rev. J. L. White of Asheville, N. C.

is progressing well in his church work. Bro. White is an excellent pastor, as well as a fine preacher. ....Dr. J. J. Taylor, pastor of St. Francis Street Baptist church, Mobile, Ala., says

among other good things: "You are making Mrs. Dr. Pritchard leaves this morning for Oxford to visit her children who are

Observer, Feb. 1. :Cards are out for the marriage of Rev. N. Sidney Jones of Salisbury, N. C., and Miss Mamie Taliaferro of Evergreen, Ala.,

on February 7th, 1893.

at school there, and who are sick. - Charlotte

Dr. Tiberius Gracchus Jones has tendered his resignation as pastor of the First Baptist church of Norfolk, Va., to take effect the last Sunday in April.

.The receipts of the Foreign Mission Board at Richmond, Va., up to Feb. 1st, 1893, were \$20,799 31 more than they were up to the same date of last year.

....Dr. John William Jones, Assistant Secretary of our Home Mission Board, is prominently mentioned as Dr. Frost's successor. - Baptist (Miss.) Record.

.. Rev. J. N. Boothe of Edgefield C. H. S. C., was in the city last Friday, and called to see us. He was called back to North Carolina on the sad errand of the death of his mother.

....Dr. R. D. Fleming of Warrenton was in the city last Thursday, on his return from the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville, and called to see us.

.... Rev. W. A. Pool says he and his family all reached Mansfield, Texas, safe and well. He says the winter there has been very mild. On February 2d they had a little ice for the second time.

"The first thing the Holy Spirit did to chaos was to bring out of it Cosmos." The foregoing quotation is from a learned theological professor. We hope, since the emanation of such a scintillation, he will continue to maintain his equilibrium.

Baylor University, says: "When I came to Texas forty-five years ago there were in Texas 10,000 Methodists and 1,900 Baptists. Now Texas has 233,500 Baptists and 178,000 Methodists."-N. R. Pittman, in Central Baptist.

.... The Baptist church at this place is to be congratulated upon securing Rev. N. B. Cobb as their pastor for the ensuing year. He will preach here once a month, begin ning next Sunday. He is not only one of the best preachers in the State, but is a most agreeable gentleman.-Pittsboro' Record.

.... John C. Squier, a deacon of the Gastonia Baptist church, committed suicide on Sunday the 29th ult. by shooting himself. It is said to have been done in a fit of melancholia. He had the confidence and esteem of his church and of the entire business community. He left a letter to his wife, in which he said he was no longer fit to do business, that his mind was unsettled.

... The Second Baptist church of Petersburg, Va., expect to begin the erection of their new house of worship in a few weeks, The location is on Sycamore street, the main thoroughfare of the city, a most eligible lot. The wise and very efficient pastor, Rev. A. J. Fristoe, is rendering noble service. The two sister churches (First and West End) give upwards of \$3,000 to the building fund.

in the National Baptist on Bishop Brooks with the following paragraph: "Few more imposing spectacles or sublimer instances of respect for the dead have been witnessed among men than those seen in Boston on the day of the burial of Bishop Brooks, when, after the completion of services in Trinity day of the burial of Bishop Brooks, when, after the completion of services in Trinity church, the body was borne to the outer corch and ten thousand people in Copley Square bowed their heads and in unison repeated the Lord's Prayer, then taking up and singing in mighty chorus the grand old hymn, 'O God, our help in ages past."

waits, deab breddern, but de sensible man is de one dat runs half way to meet his opportunities, while de foolish one sets down an waits an wonders wy eberything is so long in comin'.—Rev. Plink Plunk in N. Y. Herald. It used to be the fashion of the brethren to wait, but now those who Everything brethren to wait, but now those who would get calls to churches run out a long way to

.... We, the Baptists of Roanoke Union. do solemnly resolve: First, that we protest against being taxed for the support of the State University so long as it is in hurtful competition with the denominational colleges. Second, we protest against being taxed for the education of ministers or the sons of ministers. Third, we protest against being taxed for the support of an erphanage so long as it is controlled by any secret society or any religious denomination.

Both the Governor of Texas, the Hon. James S. Hogg, and the Lieut. Governor, the Hon. M. M. Crane, are Baptists. All the Baptist Governors of States, so far as we have been able to learn, have filled their positions honorably and well. The country will, some day, learn that Baptists make good Presidents as well as good Governors. Western Recorder. From present indications, it will be a long time before North Carolina will have a Baptist Governor. Whenever one begins to be prominent for the place, they deliberately go to work to ruin

.... "At least five millions of the negroes in the United States are unbaptized. Shall we escape on the Day of Judgment if this multivude perish as heathen at our very door and we do nothing to bring about their conversion "- Christian Statesman. The Statesman evidently thinks that an unbaptized person is a heathen, and that being baptized and being converted are the same thing. It is sadly surprising how sacramentarianism permeates even evangelical Pedobaptist denominations. We have personally known intelligent Presbyterians and Methodists to manifest the greatest concern to have sick infants "christened" lest they should die without this rite and perish for lack of it. They believed in their hearts that a few drops of water, put by a preacher on the dying child's head, would save the child's soul. - Western Recorder.

... We hope and believe the Christian

Register, Unitarian, is a true prophet when it says: "We are at the beginning of a movement in religion more extensive than any recorded in history. Compared with it, the Protestant Reformation is a small episode." The Register sees this good time in the breaking up of creeds through a "rush of great religious feeling." We re-joice that there is such a "rush" in increased study of the Bible, in an augmented missionary spirit in the churches, in more earnest prayer and offerings of money for Christ's cause with a liberality without pre-cedent. The Reformation is "a small episode" compared to the grand missionary movement of our times. "The morning light is breaking," and the twentieth century will see much of the radiance of the day when Christ shall have universal dominion. Multitudes may not accept the stereotyped creeds of the past, but they will unite in giving glory "Unto him that loved us and washed us from our sins in his own blood."-Inquirer.

## Robeson Union.

I have been a member of the Robeson Union for nearly two years, and have attended the meetings of this body regularly, and have enjoyed every meeting; but I am sure that the last was the very best meeting that I ever attended.

The meeting was held at Zion's Tabernacle on Dec. 28th and 29th, 1892. The introductory sermon was preached by

Rev. W. A. Humphrey, after which the Union was called to order, and the subjects of Home Missions and Church Discipline were considered.

Bro. E. K. Proctor, Jr., read the report on Home Missions, and brethren Proctor, Ful-ford, Humphrey and Martin spoke on the subject. The speeches were to the point and seemed to reach the hearts of the people. The report on Church Discipline was then

read by Rev. M. A. Stephens and was dis-cussed by brethren Stephens, Proctor and The meeting then adjourned with prayer by the pastor, Rev. R. A. Moore, to meet on Sunday morning at ten o'clock, for a Sun-

day-school mass meeting, which was con-ducted by brethren W. W. Nye and D. C. Britt. At eleven o'clock the missionary sermon was preached by the writer. At the close of the sermon, a cash collection was taken

for Home Missions, which amounted to twenty dollars.

We then adjourned to meet with the church at Red Springs in April.

I am delighted to see the spirit with which our people are taking hold of the mission work, and I do pray God that those of us who are fully in work, and I do pray God that those of us who are fully in sympathy with the work, may continue to labor until the last cent of the \$250,000, which we are trying to secure during the Centennial year, shall be raised, besides supporting the missionaries now in the field. Oh, that we could catch, just at this time, some of the fire which burned in the soul of William Carey and like him be constrained to greater efforts along this line of our Master's work! If we had more of the spirit of Christ, the Lord's treasury would soon be full and the hundred new missionaries located on the foreign fields, preaching the unsearchable riches of Christ to those who are now in darkness. I think, to those who are now in darkness. I think, my brethren, that this is the time for more earnest prayer to God for the great work of missions. Let us remember at all times that he has said, "It is not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts."

With best wishes for the RECORDER, I am., Yours truly, F. H. MARTIN. Lumberton, Jan. 30, 1893.