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IRREVERENCE.

It only requires casual notice for one to reach the conclusion that many professed Christians about us are quite deficient in that reverence for God, for his worship, and his sanctuary, that ought always to distinguish the Christian life and profession.

It is a well known fact that Rome, and some who have more or less imitated her, have sought to retain in worship and religious life some of the defunct ceremonies and rites of the Old Dispensation, or else, those suggested by them.

The irreverence, then, that is often to be seen in the modern pulpit and pew is to be deplored. God, in Lev. 19: 30, uses these words: "Ye shall keep my Sabbaths and reverence my sanctuary: I am the Lord."

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careful how you ridicule the humblest and plainest minister of Christ, if you are satisfied God has called him into the work in which he is engaged; for has not the great apostle written, "Now then we are ambassadors for Christ; as though God did beseech you by us; we pray you in Christ's stead be ye reconciled unto God."

Another evident cause, so far as God's house is concerned, is the using of our churches for public lectures, church fairs, bazaars, &c. We are not, we hope, at all an extremist on this thing.

Again, in mentioning these causes, we naturally suggest to our readers the remedies that should be applied. We consider Mohammedanism a false system of faith, but it is said that a devotee of that system will not tread upon a slip of paper if he has any reason to think that the name Allah is printed on it.

FROM OUR TRAVELLING AGENT. FAYETTEVILLE. Just a month ago I was here to see the brethren about their subscriptions to the Recorder. The day was pleasantly spent, the brethren promptly renewing their subscriptions in that cordial and appreciative manner that does so much to make my work pleasant and agreeable.

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Fayetteville was once noted for being at the east end of the western plank road, and was the trading place for nearly the whole of Western North Carolina, as well as many from Tennessee.

before the whistle of the engine was ever heard in the town. Neither war, reconstruction, steam, electricity, nor the fashion of the world, has moved them to change their notions of what constitutes a thoroughbred Southern gentleman and true hospitality.

A recent fire has made it necessary for Bro. Frank Beasley to build some handsome brick stores on the corner near the market.

Fayetteville has, however, become a decided railroad center. Here are three passenger trains at the same time, so I take one for

MAXTON. The name sounds rather Scotch to expect to find very many Baptists here. However, by reference to my list I found enough names to warrant me in stopping off, which was the first visit I had ever made to the town.

Maxton is, indeed, a genteel little town. The number of churches, brick stores and nice residences presents a very different aspect from the "Shoe Heel" of twenty years ago, when it was the tramping ground of Henry Berry Lowry, and occupied principally by grog-shops with all their attendant evils.

Following the trail of these Scotch Baptists,—for there are many more of them than I had supposed; I thought nearly all the Scotch were Presbyterians,—at twelve o'clock Thursday I found myself in

LUMBERTON. It was not last Thursday, however, for after I had done what I went to do, I did what I didn't go to do; so I decided it was the best thing for me to remain over just three weeks longer.

In this I am in the closest harmony with a well known brother who wrote me that he was glad, since I had to be hurt, that I was thrown from a hack instead of being knocked down by a calf, and that he hoped I would devote part of the time I was down to the making of a new speech for the Recorder.

The new school building in Lumberton is just about completed. The object was not to erect a handsome building. It, however, makes a good appearance—is substantial in

every particular, and well adapted to school work. The first session will open in the fall, and I feel confident that no school in the State has a more promising future.

It is really refreshing to find so many of the brethren in this section who are looking ahead with a view of increasing the amount and efficiency of our work. If these brethren, who are trying not only to reach a better stage of progress themselves, but who are trying to inspire and help their brethren to do the same, can only escape the firing of the "light infantry" who see the desire of being "boss" or "bishop" in every man who exhibits any desire or capacity to do something, it will be fortunate for the cause, and in a few years Baptist principles and Baptist interest will take possession of a section in which a few years ago they only had a name to live.

PERSONALS AND OTHER ITEMS.

Rev. E. P. Ellington of Madison says he is still preaching but his voice is not fully restored.

Rev. C. W. Blanchard has moved to East Durham and is located in the midst of his work.

Bro. John W. Parfey has moved from Salida, Colo., to Pueblo, Colo., and reports "all well."

Rev. D. B. Gray, D. D., of Miss., has accepted the call to the First Baptist church Birmingham, Ala.

Bro. E. K. Proctor, Jr., of Lumberton, was in the city last Monday, and paid us a pleasant visit.

Bro. W. G. Ferree of Belcross, N. C., was in the city last week and called to see us last Saturday.

Our church work is moving on. We receive members nearly every service. Collections good.—John C. Hocutt.

The meeting at the West End Mission, Raleigh, conducted by Bro. Stringfield, goes on this week with good interest.

Rev. T. C. Buchanan of "Vickery's Creek Ga., says: "I cannot do without the Recorder. It comes to me weekly as a letter from home."

Bro. Oliver Summerlin of Mt. Olive, N. C., says: "The Recorder is a welcome visitor in my home and we cannot afford to do without it."

We learn from the Asheville Baptist that the West End church, recently organized in that city, has called Rev. W. P. Southern as its pastor.

We desire you to aid us (the Convention in its mission work) with your prayers, with your influence, and with your money.—Thomas Meredith, 1890.

Cards are out for the marriage of Miss Nellie Lee Horne and Dr. Eugene Herbert McCullers, March the 23d, 1893, at the Baptist church in Clayton, N. C.

Rev. Carter Helm Jones has accepted the call to the McFerran Memorial church, Louisville, Ky., and is expected to take charge about the 1st of May.

The Chicago University has offered the chair of botany to President John M. Coulter, of Indiana University, at a salary of \$7,000.—Journal and Messenger.

All missions are substantially the same, but the primary object of the Convention, at present, is to repair the waste places of our own State.—Thomas Meredith, 1890.

Rev. E. M. Poteat of New Haven, Conn., writes: "I baptized a Congregational pastor last Sunday evening, (13th inst.) as Philip baptized the Eunuch—on a profession of his faith at the baptismery."

Rev. J. W. Wildman and his Wadesboro brethren have greatly improved their parsonage, paid off a large part of the debt on their church, and are now arranging to build a nice mission chapel near the town.

The Board of Missions (Western N. C. Convention) at its last meeting appointed Rev. D. B. Nelson Sunday-school Missionary, to hold Sunday-school Institutes in the bounds of the Convention.—Asheville Baptist.

Rev. M. L. Green of Ahsokie, N. C., writes to us offering his thanks for our editorial in the paper of the 23d of February. He also says the next Bertie Union Meeting will be at Pine Forest, Northampton county, N. C.

Bro. J. H. Tucker of Asheville, N. C., called in to see us last Monday. He reports the First church as being in excellent condition. Pastor J. L. White has received members every Sunday for several weeks past.

Pastor Broughton, and Rev. C. A. G. Thomas of Greensboro, have held a good meeting at Broad Street, Winston. Bro. Thomas did the preaching. At last accounts they reported about one hundred professions of religion.

Dr. J. W. M. Williams of Baltimore, was to start on a visit to his daughter, Mrs. Gore, wife of Prof. J. W. Gore of Chapel Hill, C., on the 15th inst.; and we suppose the Dr. is now at Chapel Hill for rest and recuperation.

Rev. Rufus Ford and his church are making substantial progress. They have Rev. J. W. Rose as their missionary, devoting his entire time to six or seven mission points in Craven county, and the church has added \$100 a year to Bro. Ford's salary.

Bro. J. F. Cheek of Mars Hill, N. C., says that Rev. T. M. Honeycutt has been sick two months—is suffering from rheumatism, and hardly able to move himself. He further says the college work is going on vigorously under the control of Prof. T. M. Hufham.

Dr. J. M. Frost resigned, as Corresponding Secretary of the Sunday-school Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, and Dr. T. P. Bell of Richmond, has been elected to fill the place. No better selection, in our opinion, could have been made.—C. Durham, Vice-President of Sunday School Board for North Carolina.

The names of fifteen brethren have been received who wish to be appointed delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention. Are there not others who wish to go? If so, send in your names, brethren. Notice will be given in time for each delegate to send his own name to the committee on homes.—C. Durham, Cor. Sec.

The American Baptist Year Book for 1893, with the compliments of the editor Dr. Lansing Burrows of Augusta, Ga., is before us. It comes to us with an increased amount of valuable statistical information. The book contains 278 pages. Any one desiring a copy can get it by applying to the American Baptist Publication Society, 1430 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia. Pricetwenty-five cents.

The righteous souls of many good brethren have been vexed, for a long time, with the custom of many of our churches of sampling pastors. But recently some of our popular preachers have turned out as samplers of churches. In one way and another they manage to get themselves invited to a number of churches, and if perchance they find one to suit them they will accept its pastorate.

The Western Recorder says: "It no more helps a preacher to parade his rejected calls than it helps a lady to parade her rejected offers of marriage. It makes the impression that he has coquetted with the churches, and also that he cannot be moved from his present field. Often the announcement that a preacher had declined one call has prevented his receiving another call he would have been glad to accept."

Mr. Moody says: "Almost every preacher who can't preach goes to writing in religious papers, telling other preachers how they ought to preach." Of course. It is ever so. It is so much easier to tell other people how to do things than to do them. People who do not edit papers always know best how papers should be edited. People who have no children always know best how children ought to be reared.—Western Recorder.

The commencement of Leonard Medical School will take place Wednesday night, March 29. It is expected that there will be ten medical students that will graduate. Dr. Chase of Philadelphia will deliver the address to the graduating class. On the following night, March 30, the graduating exercises of the Law Department will take place. Judge McRae of the Supreme Court of North Carolina will deliver the address on that occasion.

Rev. C. A. G. Thomas of Greensboro, N. C., writes of the meeting in Winston thus: "It was a great pleasure to be with the brethren. I never spent a more delightful time in a meeting in my life. The association with such brethren as H. A. Brown, Broughton and others was one of the privileges of my life. Bro. Brown is looking after his new church plans. There is a future for the Baptists of Winston."

Mrs. G. W. Marsh died at her home in this city on Wednesday afternoon, March 15th. A husband and seven children—two by the first marriage and five by the last—are bereaved by this dispensation of Providence. She was a native of Sampson county, but has resided in Raleigh about four years. She was a member of the First Baptist church in this city. For many years she had been in feeble health. The funeral services took place from the family residence on Friday afternoon last, and was largely attended.

We learn from the Religious Herald that Rev. T. P. Bell has been invited to Nashville, Tenn., by the Sunday-school Board for consultation in regard to his accepting the Secretaryship of that Board. We wish to add our hearty commendation to such an arrangement. He is the very man for the position. (Later).—We learn from the Richmond Dispatch that Rev. T. P. Bell has accepted the Secretaryship of the Sunday-school Board, and will take charge about the 1st of May. Our congratulations to the Board.

It is quite curious to observe the indisposition of churches to call men who are recommended to them. A recommendation almost amounts to a disqualification. The modern idea is for the committee appointed to look out for a pastor to be immensely secretive and superlatively exclusive. It knows everything and looms far out of sight of advice. It is the glory of a church to swing the scalps of the rejected at its belt and hang them up as the proofs of her popularity. She also shows them to the brother-elect when he comes on to take charge, as a reminder of how fortunate he was in being chosen and how easy it would be to get another man if he does not to the mark.—W. H. Hatcher in Baltimore Baptist.