

his Master's work, have thought agency his force. Many noble and great, side by side with the poor and humble, have paid high tribute to the gentleness and power of his preaching and the tenderness of which no audience has yet been found to withhold...



REV. J. D. HUFHAM, D. D.

He sold The Recorder to Mr. J. H. Mills in 1867 and after a short pastorate of St. James' Creek church, in Camden county, and four years' service as corresponding secretary of the Baptist state convention, at a salary of \$1,500 of which he accepted only \$1,000 he again became editor of The Recorder in 1874, and in December of the same year organized what is now the Baptist tabernacle, of Raleigh, and upon the broad foundations laid by him has grown a church which is almost a marvel in its growth and efficiency...

another, and then—the success of the movement was assured. He has since been its constant friend and has induced many of its large contributions. Charity and Children has a recent item of interest in this connection: "There are three tablets in the central building. The one in the office bears this inscription: 'In honor of Rev. J. D. Hufham, D. D., placed by Scotland Neck Baptist Church, 1896.'"

Places of Interest and How to Reach Them. SHELL ROAD. Of eight miles, running to Wrightsville, a beautiful summer resort on the main land facing the sound. OCEAN VIEW BEACH. A run of ten miles east of Wilmington will put you on a beautiful strip of land surrounded by the Atlantic ocean on one side and Wrightsville sound on the other, where there are many cottages and a magnificent hotel, all in a few feet of the ceaseless breakers...

BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE.

(Continued from First Page.) soe; Arkansas, H. G. Rosamon; Florida, A. P. Pugh; Georgia, R. VanDeventer; Kentucky, Carter Helm Jones; Louisiana, D. G. Whittinghill; Maryland, C. M. Ness; Mississippi, Arthur Flake; Missouri, T. P. Stafford; North Carolina, J. Q. Adams; South Carolina, A. T. Jamison; Tennessee, John O. Rust; Texas, G. W. Truett; Virginia, J. C. Moss; District of Columbia, E. B. Pollard. A resolution by Rev. B. D. Gray thanking the Southern Baptist convention for appreciative efforts; also expressing deep regret at the resignation of John D. Jordan corresponding secretary who retired to become pastor of the First church, of Savannah, Ga., was unanimously adopted.

not of any importance but simply by way of contrast with the present and the long buried past. In the early days of our history, church discipline was not as strictly enforced as at the present time, and there was frequently exhibited an easy familiarity between preacher and people that would not be tolerated or permitted now. An illustration occurs to us which we will mention, and we trust no one will accuse of making light of sacred things in doing so, for such is far, very far from our intention. The Rev. Jonathan Bryan, unknown to fame, perhaps unheard of by the present generation but well remembered by our old citizens was officiating on the occasion in that old church. He was not much of a preacher, but rather a local exhorter, and his claim to the title of Reverend was questioned by a good many of our people, but however that may be, he was officiating on the occasion referred to and after exhortation announced hymns for the close of the services. The choir was located in the gallery directly opposite to him and there was no organ, nor any other instrument of music, not even a pitch pipe. In raising the tune, the leader struck as he supposed the proper key note but unfortunately pitched it so high that he could not carry it and was compelled to stop for want of breath, in other words he had exhausted his wind, and a silence that could almost be felt rested upon the assemblage. He tried to second his intent to the other extreme and pitched it as much too low as he had previously been too high and so he floundered along for a few bars, his voice getting lower and lower until it ceased and it really seemed as if he had swallowed it. Another church member in the First Baptist, and then the voice of the preacher fell gently upon the ear "brethren—I, think we had better pray." But the choir leader was not disposed to give up in that way and immediately shouted back to the person from his place in the choir loft "hold on Brother Bryan, we'll have her up directly" and making one more desperate effort, he fortunately struck the right note and carried the tune to a successful termination, to the great relief of all present.

Under embarrassments, many and great, chiefly the results of the war, it was not until May 19, 1876 that the majestic building was ready for consecration. On which occasion the Rev. W. T. Jones, E. S. Alderman, F. T. New, T. K. Kirk and others, presided over that distinguished service. It is estimated as having been one of the most eloquent and impressive ever delivered in this city, it was worthy of the man as he was worthy of the occasion. As an evidence of the activity of this organization of Christian people in disseminating the Gospel we will state that the church has put into the ministry nine very efficient ministers, viz: Rev. A. J. Battle, G. L. M. French, E. H. Raney, T. I. Wescott, G. W. Newell, W. T. Jones, E. S. Alderman, F. T. New, T. K. Kirk and others. In 1848 it organized a church on the sound, in 1850 Orange Street church, which, however, was disbanded after a troubled existence of two or three years. In 1870 the Second Baptist church was organized but the church was subsequently disorganized by the Adventists, in 1881, Brookline church was established which is now a strong and prosperous church, and in 1894 the South Side church was organized and has been very prosperous and successful. The membership of the First Baptist church of Wilmington, numbers now about four hundred. It is one of the largest denominations in the city and possesses the handsomest church edifice in the city. It is a credit upon our city and long may its spires point upward to the skies and the voice of prayer and thanksgiving never cease to be heard within its hallowed walls.

The Book of Life—and Death. The book is an old one; its pages are stained; Its covers with layers of grease are engrained; Its edges, which once were by gliding made gay, Have been dog-eared and damp for full many a day; Its leather, which must have been new at some time, Is now black with dirt and all sticky with grime; In short—not to dwell on such features too much—'Tis a bad book to smell and a worse one to touch. The chemist, on subtle analysis found, Fine scope for research in this volume found. In its flth-crested covers by him, as a fact, Most inimical germs to their lairs have been track'd; Of the microbes which rollick in dirt and in damp, His lens has displayed quite a populous camp; Nay, of noxious bacilli which act as a leaven In sundry diseases, he's had'n't upon seven! And what do you think is this badly used tome, In which the pus cocci is too much at home; This book, which neglect has contrived to convert Into such an amalgam of mildew and dirt? What, what is this volume which science affirms Is the domicile now of a legion of germs? In the very next line you an answer may slip on, It's the testament used in the court house at Ripon! The hale and the wholesome, the sick and unclean, The saint and the sinner, its kissers Till it now may be said it fairly belongs To such things as should only be touched with the tongs. —London Truth.

FACTS IN MISSION WORK.

Encouraging and Marvelous Development in Missionary Work. (Raleigh News and Observer.) Naturally a casual survey of the religious status of the world has a depressing tendency on the faith and hopes of those who are looking to the enthronement of Christ as the world's redeemer. The contrast in number of followers between Christianity and the false faiths of the world, together with the seeming slow progress of the gospel in heathen lands, do not present a very hopeful outlook. But a close survey of the field is more encouraging than discouraging. Let us look at some of the facts, and we will get what Christians term a hope-inspiring view. Practically the era of mission work is only a century old, and what has been accomplished is the work of the nineteenth century. In 1792 the first foreign missionary society was organized. Now there are about 280 societies. In 1800 there was only here and there a convert from heathenism; now there are 1,300,000, and according to Dr. Van Dyke, are being gathered into the churches at the rate of 250 a day. Then there was only here and there a missionary; now there are 10,200 foreign workers, and 71,100 native helpers. Then there were only 5,000,000 copies of the Bible in the whole world; and it could be studied by only one-fifth of the race. Since then there have been 250,000,000 of copies published, and 6,000,000 are issued annually in the languages and dialects of nine-tenths of the race. China was entered in 1707. In 1804 the first Christian Chinese was baptized. Now there are about 70,000 communicants and a Christian population of 200,000. Japan was entered in 1859. In 1872 there were only ten baptized believers. Now there are 400 Christian churches and 50,000 communicants. Carey began mission work in India in 1793. Now there is a Christian population of 2,200,000. The first mission was opened in Africa in 1792. There are 2,000,000 communicants and 20,000 were added last year. During this century many of the cannibal islands of the Pacific have been Christianized. One hundred years ago there was hardly a pagan nation open to the Christian missionary. There is now no nation whose doors are not ajar, if not wide open. What has been done shows only the first fruits of the harvest that awaits gathering. The century has been one of preparation, of seed sowing. The leaven of the gospel, though working slowly, has yet permeated every land, and its influence has broken the hold of the old faiths, has been removing prejudices, has been civilizing the uncivilized and changing the civilizations that have stood for thousands of years. The period of preparation has revealed the possibilities of the gospel. The century that lies before the church will be marked with unexpected progress and prosperity. The year of 100 A. D. closed with Christianity numbering one-half million. The year 1500 there were one hundred millions; the year 1800 two hundred million; the year 1890 will from all indications close with nearly five hundred millions. In the presence of these facts what need is there of any faint heartedness on the part of the church? The hope of success is as bright as the promises of God can make it. "He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth." F. D. SWINDELL.

International Association of Railway Surgeons.

Chicago, May 6.—At its session today the National Association of Railway Surgeons out of compliment to the membership in Canada and Mexico changed its name to the International Association of Railway Surgeons. The next meeting will be held in May, 1898 in Toronto. George Ross, of Virginia, was elected president; Dr. Hutchinson, of Montreal, first vice president and Dr. Rodan, of Toronto, chairman of the committee of arrangements.

Funeral of Admiral Meade.

Washington, May 6.—Rear Admiral Richard W. Meade was buried at the national cemetery at Arlington today after appropriate services at the church and the grave.

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