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Editorial Comment

INTERESTING TYPE OF THE PIONEER
Preacher—Man of Unusual Gifts and Earnestness.

(Extracts from a paper by W. R. Griffin.)

One of the strongest and most original of the pioneer preachers in the southern portion of North Carolina was Edmund L. Davis, who was born in Anson county February 19, 1813. He was the son of Isham Davis, who came to North Carolina from Virginia and was one of twelve children. His parents were not members of any church, consequently the children had little religious instruction in their youth. It is not probable that E. L. Davis heard a dozen sermons before his conversion, at the age of eighteen.

His conversion and call to preach are interesting and peculiar. As he told it to his son it is as follows: In his seventh year a younger brother died, which death made a lasting impression on him. A short time afterwards he was working at some little handicraft that his brother had made, when it occurred to him that if he should die where would his soul go. In thinking over the matter he realized that he was a sinner, and was convinced that his soul was doomed to hell. He thought overpowered by hell. He said he never knew where he spent that night, that a blank came over his mind till the next morning, when he found himself at his brother's gate. He cut three nothes on the gate, told his brother farewell, saying that he was going home to tell his mother "goodbye," then die and go down to hell. But on his way home through the woods, the Lord blessed him, and he entered his home praising the Lord and told his mother what had happened.

Shortly after this he visited the spot where he said the "Lord had been gracious to him," and standing there an impression came over him to preach. He seemed to hear a voice say, "Behold my people as sheep without a shepherd." He did not know what the words were in the Bible; he had heard little preaching and could not read himself. So deep was this impression that he never doubted but that God had spoken directly to him. Never from that moment did he doubt that preaching the gospel was his life work. Consequently he was ordained at Lawyer's Springs December, 1837.

He had no preparation in a literary or theological way for preaching. He was unable to read, but he had a great thirst for knowledge. He began the study of the Bible, he went through the New Testament, spelling it out word for word. It is a fine picture—this strong young man—athletic in every movement—spelling his way through the word of God, seeking to know his master's orders. He read his orders clearly; no one who ever heard him preach ever doubted his mission, while never a doubt crossed his own mind. He was not trying to find an argument, or justify a creed; he was simply seeking to know the will of God and was willing to do it if he could but learn; and from such God does not long conceal Himself.

He was evangelical in his preaching and founded churches in Union Anson and Stanly counties. He preached in South Carolina, but the work of his life lay in Union and Anson. His preaching was at times harsh; he could say hard things and was not afraid to say them when he thought it necessary. Fear was probably a feeling that he could not appreciate. His voice was powerful and rugged; it had wonderful carrying power, and no hearer ever failed to hear him. His countenance was stern and rugged, the very picture of strength; his expression was often sour and crabbed. But not so the man.

When he began to speak there was a mellowness in his voice that soon went to the heart of the hearer and riveted his attention. It was easy for an audience to weep under his talks. One of his great themes was "the fullness of the gospel of Christ." It was great to hear him describe God's welcome to the repentant sinner. In 1871 he preached a sermon that caused one hundred and twenty persons to ask for prayer, sixty of whom afterwards joined the church. He rose to emergencies, difficulties gave him strength, fired his heart and soul. On one occasion a meeting had been going on for some days with no manifestation of interest. At the noon hour the deacons met and decided that they would bring the meeting to a close that afternoon, and that they would ask their pastor, Brother Davis, to preach the closing sermon, since he had done none of preaching during the meeting. He was seen to walk off to the woods all alone and returned only when the congregation began to sing. He took his place in the pulpit and read the hymn; there was power in the very reading; the man's soul was on fire. A prayer followed and men wept under that prayer; then followed a sermon that stirred the congregation to its depths; men who had never been moved before cried for mercy and forgiveness; the meeting did not break up, but continued for a week. This is only one of many such meetings held at

MEADOW BRANCH CHURCH, WHERE HE WAS PASTOR FOR FORTY YEARS.

To the needy he would give all. On one occasion he met a widow going to the field to work on a cold morning with no shoes on the children's feet; upon learning of her poor condition, he drew from his pocket a ten dollar bill, all he had and gave it to her. At the end of the Civil War he was asked to join the Union League, or Red Strings, in order to save his property. His reply was that he would join no order that would confiscate his neighbor's property and leave his own; that if they took his neighbor's they might take his too.

Many traditions are still alive about his powerful sermons and striking remarks. He never failed to enlist attention by his quaint humor and deep feeling, for the man was an orator pure from the molds of nature. Several things went to make up this man's useful life; nature endowed him with a fine physique, good voice, imagination, strong native intellect, anxiety to know, and a real love for his fellow men. To all these endowments were added a seal and consecration that made him powerful for good. Take him all in all he was one of the state's most remarkable men.

On June 6th, 1896, he died at the age of eighty-four and was buried with his Bible on his breast—a very appropriate ceremony, for he had preached its truths for sixty-five years, and in its name had baptised between four and five thousand people.

STATE AND GENERAL NEWS

The People's Party met in St. Louis a few days ago and declared that Bryan had been a traitor to the party.

The corner stone of the Carolina Methodist College was laid at Maxton Friday in the presence of more than a thousand people.

Thomas E. Watson has been named by the Populist convention for president and Samuel Williams of Indiana for his running mate.

The Indiana Republican convention has endorsed Fairbanks for president and the delegates to the national convention have been instructed to vote for him.

Senator Ben. Tillman of South Carolina has been forced, on account of illness, to go on a vacation and will not be in the Senate again this year. He will probably go to Europe.

Andrew Linder, colored, killed another negro, Willis Franklin, at Salisbury Thursday in a drunken row. Only a few days ago, another negro killed one of his own color in a saloon in that town and was captured in the act.

United States Senator Jeff Davis of Arkansas was fined \$25 a few days ago for carrying a concealed weapon. He had received a severe whipping at the hands of a lawyer on the streets and returned flourishing his gun. The lawyer paid \$10 for the assault.

Two reporters for California papers are in jail on the charge of stealing photographs of the fleet for a rival paper. They entered the tent of their more fortunate rivals, stole the pictures for their paper and rushed them by chartered train so that the rival paper could produce them first.

Hardin German was convicted at Greensboro Friday of sending an infernal machine to Mr. Censar Gony of that city a few weeks ago and given eight years in the State prison for thus attempting to destroy a human life. German is a foreigner and fainted when the sentence was pronounced.

THE MOTHER OF HIS COUNTRY.

(Baltimore Sun.)

Our very first President was the Father of his country, and since that time we have had Presidents who have been his guardians, defenders, old uncles and preservers. But the present Executive not only combines within himself all the defensive and offensive qualities of his predecessors, but he goes beyond and above that. Not only does he aspire to be the father of his country, but he is willing to be its mother, too.

Wisely did the Mothers' Congress choose Washington as its meeting place. There is the fountain head of knowledge; there is the well-spring of truth; there does the Mothers' Congress bask in the full sunlight of official favor. Not only were they received with cordial delight at the White House, but the President preached there a fervid sermon on how to raise children, manage husbands, spank boys, tie up the hair of girls and boss the cook. We hope he made it plain to the mothers that if they were ever in doubt as to how to heat the baby's milk or how to dress Susan Ann all they would have to do would be to telephone the White House and the great national adviser would tell them just what to do.

With what motherly air the President must have presided over the advisory council of the Mothers' Congress as they gathered at his knee in the nursery at the White House! It must have been a touching scene when the head of the nation discussed with these other foes of race suicide such burning problems as "When Should a Boy Be Put in Pants?" or "Should a Girl's Hair Be Done Up in Plaits or Combed Straight?" The questions of "How Hot Should the Baby's Bath Be?" and "What Is the Best Infants' Food?" must have aroused animated discussion.

As a result of these conferences may we not soon expect a ringing special message to Congress demanding the establishment of a bureau of child culture, with an appropriation of \$50,000,000 for baby food? May we not soon expect the creation of a commission for the cause of toothiness in children?

If the President should make a vigorous effort along this line we might look for processions of baby carriages in the campaign, and every politician might wear conspicuously on the lapel of his coat the Sign of the Safety Pin.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Conducted By Special Editor.

SUNDAY, APRIL 12.

"The Raising of Lazarus."—John 11:1-57. Lesson text.—Verses 32-44.

Golden Text.—"I am the resurrection and the life."—John 11:25.

FUNDAMENTALS.

Time.—Year A. D. 30. Possibly in January or February. Not long before the crucifixion.

Place.—Bethany, a little village over the Mount of Olives from Jerusalem.

Connection.—After the feast of dedication, Jesus went again into Perea, where he had many discussions with the Pharisees, healed the woman, bowed down and spoke to the people in the parables as recorded in Luke, the parables of the lost sheep, the lost coin and the prodigal son.

LESSON STORY.

Jesus has retired to a place beyond the Jordan and a messenger brings him the news of the serious illness of Lazarus, an intimate friend, and the brother of two women who have shown him kindness. Altho he loves the family, he delays and we are taught that there is a higher motive and two days later against the protest of his disciples he goes to Bethany. Lazarus has been dead four days and the body is buried. One of the sisters meets Jesus and in her greeting there is both reproach and faith. "Why didn't you come, Lord? You could have kept him alive!" Still greater faith is shown in the words, "But I know, that even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give it thee!" The loving Jesus, speaks wonderful words to Martha. "I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in me, tho he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." The other sister, Mary comes and the same sentiment is expressed in her greeting. The heart of the friend and great teacher is touched with the sorrow of his friends and he weeps. The little company go to the tomb and the hostile Jews follow sneering and faultfinding. They move the stone. Jesus expects men always to do what they can and he comes in only when they have reached the limit of their power. Martha objects and Christ reminds of his promise and with a word brings back to life the dead. Notice the prayer before the spoken work. "That they may believe that thou hast sent me." These words explain the delay back to Bethany in Perea. The lesson ends with, "Loose him and let him go." The miracle results in some acceptors and some rejectors of the Christ.

ILLUSTRATIVE.

"Lazarus," said Jesus in full, "this is the first time that I have visited Bethany and thou hast failed to meet and greet me. It is not Bethany without thee; I wait and weary for my friend. . . . His is a strong hand that holds thee and no man dare disobey his word; but the key of death's stronghold is at my girdle and I am its Lord. Before I go to my agony and the cross, I must see thee, Lazarus. It is thy friend who calls thee, Lazarus, come forth!" And death had no power to prevent the meeting of Jesus and his friend.—Ivan Maclaren.

"Great God of our people! Look yonder! What has befallen us? What thing is this? Whom have we in our midst? What is this blinding sight? The stone lips of the sepulcher mutter; the black throat yawns; there is motion within, and a sound. Steps stir—there is a flickering of light and a shifting of shadow—a shape moves and rises before our eyes. Is it the living? Is it the dead? Clad

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NORMAN W. HARRIS, a banker of Chicago, has the right idea of disposing of his vast fortune which he proposes to give to the cause of education. He will give to each boy of his native town, Becket, Mass., five dollars per week who attends the schools of his town and attains an average grade of 80 and whose department is entirely satisfactory to the school authorities. The same amount will be paid to the boys who enter the higher institutions of learning of his native state. By virtue of this offer, no boy in that town need go without a good high school and college education, and Mr. Harris has thus reared for himself a monument more lasting than bronze and one that will live on in the hearts of his people. Yet, unless the boys of Becket schools are vastly superior in the qualifications demanded by their would-be benefactor than those of the average school, not ten percent of them will be entitled to the five dollars per week. The pity of it is that only a very few school children of today are doing more than merely "going to school." The others have never learned the great object of the school and consider it something that must be gone through, no matter how. In the meantime, they keep the teacher aggravated to, and sometimes beyond, the point of human endurance. This lack of reverence and obedience is of course, in most cases, due to the teacher having "stood for" almost anything from the student. That boy or girl who persists in spending idle time in the schoolroom at the total disregard of all rules of proper conduct, should either be "managed" in the schoolroom by the best means possible, or promptly expelled.

James Lang was convicted last week of looting the safe of the Bank of Davis at Mocksville in 1903. He was one of a gang of yeggermen and was arrested near Monroe shortly after this bank and several others were robbed by the same crowd. Lang was backed up by an institution in New York which appears to look out for its members when they get into trouble, but their money and efforts failed to work in this case, and unless he escapes, Lang will serve five years for his operation in Davis.

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It "Doesn't Prohibit."

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30 days' trial \$1.00 is the offer on Pineules. Relieve backache, weak back, lame back, rheumatic pains. Best on sale for kidneys, bladder and blood. Good for young and old. Satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded. Sold by Martin Drug Co. Trial bottle free.

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Mrs. E. D. Charles, of Harbor, Maine, speaking of Electric Bitters, says: "It is a neighborhood favorite here with us." It deserves to be a favorite everywhere. It gives quick relief in dyspepsia, liver complaint, kidney derangement, indigestion, nervousness, weakness and general debility. Its action on the blood, as a thorough purifier makes it especially useful as spring medicine. This grand alternative tonic is sold under guarantee at Parsons Drug Co. 50c.

Notice of Sale

By virtue of an order and decree of the superior court of Anson county made by the clerk thereof in a special proceeding entitled J. T. Gullodge, administrator of W. C. Battist, against W. N. Battist and others, on the 31st day of March, 1908, the undersigned commissioner will, on

Thursday, April 30, 1908,

at 12 o'clock M., at the court house door in Waidesboro, offer for sale two lots of land as follows:

First lot contains 25 1/2 acres, and adjoins the lands of W. D. Webb, Alonzo Battist and others, it being a part of the Masten Haire tract of land.

Second lot contains 11 1/4 acres, and adjoins the lands of William Gullodge, Mary Battist and others, and is a part of the William Battist tract of land.

A description of these two tracts will be furnished to prospective purchasers by the undersigned.

The terms of said sale are cash, subject to the confirmation of the court. This March the 31st, 1908.

H. H. McLENDON, Commissioner.

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Our national Democracy needs a little more practical politics and a less sentimental theory.

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