

THE CHRISTIAN SUN.

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Rev. J. T. Whitley, Editor.

OUR PRINCIPLES.

[EXTRACT FROM THE DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH.]

"We may well afford to dispense with all those doctrines and tenets which set the brethren at variance, and to take the following primary constitution as the ground-work of our organization, viz.:

"1. The Lord Jesus Christ is the only Head of the Church. The Pope of Rome, or any other pretending to be head thereof, should be regarded as that man of sin and son of perdition, who exalteth himself above all that is called God.

"2. The name CHRISTIAN is the only appellation needed or received by the Church. All party or sectarian names are excluded as being unnecessary, if not hurtful.

"3. The Holy Bible, or the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is a sufficient rule of faith and practice.

"4. CHRISTIAN CHARACTER, or vital piety, is a just, and should be the only, test of fellowship, or of Church membership.

"5. The right of PRIVATE JUDGMENT and the liberty of conscience is a right and a privilege that should be accorded to, and exercised by, all."

Notice to Correspondents.

Articles intended for publication should be addressed to the Editor of the CHRISTIAN SUN, Suffolk, Va., and should be mailed so as to reach us before the Friday preceding the date of their publication. Write in a legible hand, with ink, only on one side of the paper. All anonymous communications will be thrown into the wastebasket. No article will be inserted for any one, unless deemed suitable for publication.

LET those ministers and lay-members of the Christian Church, who are gifted with the ability to write to edification, put on paper their best thoughts and send them to us for publication. Remember that we need the help of all our brethren, in making the SUN what it ought to be.

IF Rev. J. E. Hutson is really misrepresented by the Christians, as Rev. M. B. Barrett has been credibly informed, he ought to be absolved of himself. Read Bro. Barrett's article in another column. We believe that Mr. Hutson has been saying uncalculated and erroneous things about the Christian denomination, if we are to judge by statements made in the Religious Herald. It is our earnest desire, to do no injustice to anyone; and we hope that Mr. Hutson, if he has been misquoted, will set himself right.

SAID Brother W. T. Young, a zealous lay-member, at the recent session of the North Carolina Conference, when the Temperance report was under discussion: "For a man to go into a bar-room and call for a drink of liquor, is one of the most hurtful and hateful examples that a church member can set. I had rather have my right arm cut off than to do such a thing." In connection with the same subject he said: "Ladies, make this determination: The lips that touch liquor shall never touch mine. You ladies hold the reins in this matter, and we are going to hold you responsible for the way you use them." Ponder these words, for they are worthy of thought.

Is it really a fact, that the seed of the righteous have never been known to beg bread? It is true, as Bro. J. P. B. states in another column, that David said he had never seen such a thing in the course of a long life. But is that statement equivalent to a declaration that such a thing had never occurred and never would occur? We think not. Indeed, we are of opinion that it can be readily proved, that such a thing has often taken place—that the children of godly people have been reduced to beggary. Who will give us an article of one column in length, discussing the subject as thoroughly as it can be done in those limits? Mind, we want a clear, calm discussion, and don't be too lengthy.

REV. A. W. MANGUM, D. D., a prominent minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in North Carolina, and a Professor in the State University, visited the North Carolina Christian Conference one day during the late session. Being introduced to the body, he made a speech that thrilled and captivated all hearts. Among many other things he said: "Ever since I have known the Christian Church, I have revered it. It was with me a case of love at first sight. I hope never to see the time when I cannot work in harmonious co-operation with anyone with whom God can afford to work. In this respect I do not differ from members of the Christian Church." Brother Mangum will always find appreciative hearers, whenever he chooses to address a Christian Conference—at least, so long as his heart is as warm and liberal as it now is. The sight of one such man, who can rise above sectarian narrowness and appreciate good qualities in other denominations, is worth going many a mile to obtain. And yet, is not his true spirit of Christ?

THE SUFFOLK COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE.

This school is proceeding quietly on in its work of usefulness. Rev. E. W. Beale, the Superintendent, has made arrangements for the remainder of the present scholastic year, as follows: The literary and scientific branches of learning will be taught by P. J. Kernodle, A. B., and Virgilus S. Kilby, Esq.; instrumental and vocal music, by Miss Fannie E. Colvin. Mr. Kernodle is a member of the Christian Church, and at present resides near Greensboro, N. C.; is a distinguished graduate of Trinity College, N. C., with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and comes with the highest recommendations of the President of that institution, as to his personal character and preeminent scholarship. Mr. Kilby is a deacon of the Suffolk Christian Church, was educated at Graham College, and has had a most successful career as an instructor of youth. He has been teaching in the Suffolk Collegiate Institute for a month or more already, with flattering success. Miss Colvin, who has been connected with the Institute from the first of the present session, is a highly cultivated musician, and is giving thorough satisfaction in her department.

The terms of board and tuition have been materially lowered. Board, exclusive of washing, will cost only ten dollars a month. Tuition in the primary grade will cost \$15 for ten months; intermediate grade, \$25; higher English course, \$35; Latin, Greek, French, and German, each extra, \$5; music, \$32; incidental fee, one dollar.

It is hoped that the inducements thus offered will be appreciated by the public, and especially by members and friends of the Christian Church. Those who have children or wards to educate, would do well to write to Rev. E. W. Beale, Superintendent, Suffolk, Va.

WITH reference to the late Rev. Thomas J. Fowler, Rev. Solomon Apple said at the North Carolina Conference: "We have never had a man who was a truer friend to Biblical Christianity and to the principles of the Christian Church. The struggle is over, the battle is fought, the victory is won. He had nothing to do but shake hands with earthly things, and go to his reward in heaven." And with reference to the same venerable and lamented man of God, Rev. J. W. Wellons said: "When I last visited Father Fowler, he followed me out to my buggy, and grasping my hand, while the tears rolled down his furrowed cheeks, he said, 'Brother Wellons, should we never meet again in this world, let us meet up yonder in glory'; and, blessed be God! I hope to meet him in that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." The scene was indeed affecting, when at the Conference various brethren expressed their feelings concerning Elder Fowler's death. All hearts were touched, many eyes were filled with tears, and all tongues were ready to speak his praise. Verily, "the righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance."

"I AM going to take a bushel of corn from my crib for my pastor, but I believe that God will give me back two in its place." So said a layman as quoted by Rev. P. T. Klapp, in a speech at the late session of the North Carolina and Virginia Christian Conference. And we have no doubt that the brother was substantially right. Liberty towards God's ministers will not be forgotten in heaven. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Therefore, reader, be careful of your pastor this winter. See that his temporal wants are well supplied, and you shall in no wise lose your reward. See if you cannot find out some real need of your pastor, or of his family, and quietly supply the need.

THE Christian Annual for 1878 is approaching completion as rapidly as our printers can do the work. It is expected that it will be ready for distribution sometime in December. Let no one become impatient at any little delay that may occur; we pledge our best efforts to send it forth as early as possible. Meanwhile we again call upon those who owe for the Annual to send forward the amounts due. The money is needed now, to pay for the work as it is done.

AMONG the many good things said by Rev. W. H. Moore, in his speech before the North Carolina Conference, as a fraternal messenger from the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was this: "The attraction of nature and the attraction of grace, are exactly opposite. Nature attracts downward, grace upward. Every Christian soul is ever rising upward, skyward." Very true, but how many who profess to be Christians are clinging close to the earth!

L. A. GODEY, of Godey's Lady's Book fame, has just died at a venerable old age. The magazine he founded, and conducted so long, is continuing with unabated vigor. In fact, we believe it is considered better than ever.

DISTRICT MEETING, NO. ONE.

PROGRAMME.

Time: Fifth Saturday and Sunday in December.

Place: Hebron, Isle of Wight county, Va.

SATURDAY MORNING.

10:30.—Devotional Exercises conducted by Rev. J. N. Manning.

11:00.—The Secret of a Successful Pastorate, by Rev. J. T. Kitchener.

11:30.—The Importance of a Church Paper, by Revs. J. T. Whitley, M. B. Barrett, and Bro. Jao. M. Gay.

12:30.—DINNER.

1:45.—Singing.

2:00.—Ought the Christians to be a Missionary People? If so, why? by Rev. J. P. Barrett, H. H. Butler, Maj. I. W. Dneek, and Col. A. Savage.

3:00.—Shall we Educate our People? by Revs. E. W. Beale, J. N. Manning, R. H. Holland and J. T. Whitley.

4:00.—Adjournment.

SUNDAY MORNING.

10:00.—The Sunday School, the Nursery of the Church, by Bros. Juo. U. Newman, R. A. Ricks and Rev. C. J. Ralston.

11:00.—Preaching by Rev. J. N. Manning.

Dinner will follow.

This meeting will be held in District No. 2, The Churches at Hebron, Mt. Carmel, Antioch, Widsor, Oakland, and Bethlehem compose this District. It is earnestly desired that each of these Churches have one or two representatives present, to give us information upon the condition of our denominational interests, such as Ministerial Education, CHRISTIAN SUN, Missions, &c., and also to receive information concerning the management of these works in their respective churches.

The pastors of Churches in this district are earnestly requested to announce this meeting at their December appointments and see that representatives (the local agents for Missions, Literature and Education) are sent.

Brethren, bestir yourselves and let us rally around this meeting and so help on our work. Let the laymen as well as the ministers be at their posts of duty promptly at 10:30 A. M., Saturday. Speeches to be in order must be brief and pointed, as several brethren have been appointed to speak.

The brethren at Hebron have sent us a warm invitation to come, assuring us that the meeting should have a hearty welcome. The public invited. J. PRESSLEY BARRETT, Secretary.

ORGANIZATION AND CONSECRATION.

Among our needs as a denomination are the above, says a dear brother minister in a letter to me recently. "Two things," says he, "we ought to have, and two things we must have, organization and consecration. Our church must be organized more thoroughly, and our ministers must be more fully consecrated to the work of preaching Christ." And he continues: "Did I not believe that I could do more for the advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom where I am, I would leave the school to-day."

Oh, for more of this spirit! We need better organization in our churches. That they are not better organized, is the reason why so little work is done for the Master. Our churches are not doing what they could do. Let some plan be devised, and carried into effect, to make every church a working church. Will not my dear brother, who by his suggestion has opened up this train of thought, devise a plan? And let others do the same, and then compare plans, take the best, and most vigorously prosecute it.

Let this be done, and the year 1879 will be the most glorious in the history of our beloved Church. And then, the other need, a consecrated ministry. Have we this? Are our ministers fully given to the work of preaching the gospel? And if they are not, should they not be? Does Christ command it? Does the importance of the work require it? Yea, verily. "Go preach my gospel, saith the Lord." If we can do this more successfully in the school-room, as I believe some can, let us preach it there. If in the pulpit, and from house to house, let us preach it in these places. But oh! my dear brethren, see to it that we preach it somewhere. And I for one do not believe that where God calls a man to preach his gospel, he intends for him to do so, behind a counter, or in a counting-room, work-shop, or on a farm. Understand me. Any man whom God calls to this special work cannot do it so successfully anywhere else as in the pulpit and from house to house. If he hitches on other things to his work, they will clog the wheels, and hinder his progress. Oh, ye servants of the Lord, do the work of the Master and your reward is sure. Amen, then, to the suggestion of my dear brother. Let these wants be supplied. Let us have organization and consecration; churches more thoroughly organized and ministers fully consecrated to the work of preaching Christ.

WHAT DAVID NEVER SAW.

"A beloved brother, an eloquent and successful preacher, a pastor of pastors, in the vigor of health, writes: 'I have been compelled to leave the ministry or see my family starve.'"

Religious Herald.

"I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread."

David.

Had the brother to whom the Herald alludes continued to preach, his children, his seed, would have begged bread—a thing David never saw.

The Herald foretells criticism in the case of this brother who had left the ministry, by saying: "It will not do to say and think bitter and uncharitable things concerning this brother—to accuse him of fickleness, or want of trust in Providence, or the promises of the Scriptures. His sacrifices have been great to enable him to continue in the ministry. He gave up a lucrative profession, he has spent thousands of dollars of his private means, he has sold land, and economized in order to preach the gospel."

And after all that, it was quit the ministry or starve his family!

Behold the fowls of the air: * * * your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? Matt. 6: 26. Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; * * * Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Wherefore, if God so clothed the grass of the field, * * * shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? Matt. 6: 28-30.

Is it possible, with all of this brother's health, eloquence, success as a preacher, firmness, trust in Providence, sacrifices, such as giving up a lucrative profession, spending thousands of dollars of his own private means, selling his lands, living economically and sparingly in order to preach the gospel; is it possible, with these and with a consecrated heart resting on God's many promises to feed his people, that he must give up the ministry, or see his family starve? In what part of the universe does he live! What are the circumstances around him! What are the customs of his country? There must be some extenuating circumstance, something unknown heretofore to this minister under the precise circumstances given by the Herald. The editor must have omitted something, for as the article stands it reads like a dream, and seems to give evidence against God's promises. As it is so "God's work pays sure wages," is a motto I have long regarded as the very embodiment of truth! How is it, Doctor? J. P. B.

"WELLONSITES."

A few weeks ago the Rev. J. E. Hutson held a protracted meeting at Black Creek Baptist Church, in Southampton county, and I learn from good authority, that on Friday of that meeting, in speaking of the various denominations, he was pleased to style the Christians "Wellonsites," and said that we "believe anything, but nothing in particular." I was somewhat surprised at hearing this, for I verily thought, from the position the Rev. gentleman holds in his own church that he was better informed; and that, if he knew there were 600 different denominations in the land, he also knew something of their faith, as he declared that 599 of them were wrong. If he knows anything of the Christians, he knows they are not "Wellonsites," and that they do believe something "in particular."

If Rev. J. E. Hutson did use the word "Wellonsites," when referring to us as a church, he either did it ignorantly, not knowing better, or he did it wickedly, with the design to misrepresent and injure us as a church. The Rev. brother may not be a Solomon, but I am charitable enough to believe that he is not so ignorant as not to know that our church wears the name "Christian" to the exclusion of all other names. So I am inclined to think that he knew, when he made the assertion, that he was bearing false witness against his neighbor.

Brother Wellons was a great and good man, and did a great deal of good in the church where it pleased God to call him to labor, and we loved him for his work's sake; but we never thought of taking his name as an appellation for the church, and the Rev. J. E. Hutson well knew it, if he knew anything. Dr. Jeter, of Richmond, has done a great deal of good, I suppose, in the Baptist Church; but what would he (Hutson) think of me if I were to call the Baptists "Jeterites"? Roger Williams was the father and founder of the Baptist Church in this country. But should I on that account call the Baptists "Williamsites"? I think with just as much propriety call the Baptists "Jeterites," "Williamsites," "Jonesites," or "Hutsonites," as he can call us "Wellonsites," and come as nigh the truth.

The Rev. brother may desire, for aught I know, the Baptists called "Hutsonites." But I am satisfied that our dear Brother Wellons, who

labored hard and long, and has now gone to wear the victor's crown, was not vain enough to desire our Church called "Wellonsites." And he who applies to us that name, shows clearly that he is not in possession of that charity of which the Apostle speaks in the 13th chapter of 1st Corinthians.

Now, Brother Hutson, allow me to give you a little advice. If you believe that God has called you to preach his gospel to sinners, and invite them to come to Christ, do the work the Master has called you to do, and leave the dirty work of misrepresenting other respectable Christians to those who have never received the high calling of preaching the gospel. If you are an evangelist, be an evangelist, and leave calumny to other hands.

M. B. BARRETT.

Ivor, Va., Nov. 12th, 1878.

FAMILY WORSHIP.

There is no Christian duty which is more neglected than family prayer, not only by laymen, but often by ministers. Men are prone to permit the most trifling things to serve as an excuse for not performing this duty. Sometimes men say that God has not given them the gift of prayer. They seem to think God ought to have bestowed on them by a miracle, the ability to pray easily and gracefully, or else not to have required it of them. People forget that men were not born skilled in the occupations which they are afterwards to follow in life, but must acquire the facility to perform the duties of those occupations by practice. So in this case, men must acquire by practice, the ability to pray before others. The reason in many cases is, not because it is impossible for us to have family prayer, but because we do not try. Often we hear the excuse, "I have not time; my business is of such a nature as to claim my whole attention," or some other frivolous excuse with about as much weight. I would inquire of such, which is of the greater importance, your temporal, or your spiritual interest? The fact that family prayer is so much neglected, is no proof that it is not a Christian privilege and duty. It is a matter of regret, that so many pastors do not urge the duty of having a family altar erected in every Christian family. It may be, and doubtless is true, that many have done this; but being met by so many who declared that it was impossible for them to do such a thing, have concluded that it is impossible for them to change the opinion of the people.—It is not sufficient to tell the people once that this is a duty, but we must constantly remind them of it. Some may ask, "Why do you urge the having of family prayer? I can be a Christian and not have a family altar in my house." This may be true, but you can be a better Christian if you do. Do you think anyone will ever lose anything by spending part of his time in serving God in this manner? The men who are the most devoted Christians, are those who perform this duty. Those who spend much of their time in the service of God will be amply repaid.

We are made better by this service. We can enter upon the duties of the day with the consoling thought, that the first of the day has been well spent, and we are encouraged thus to spend the remaining part. Another important benefit is, the good example and the good influence exerted over the children. They are apt to become interested in the work they see mother and father engaged in, and by the influence of the family altar, the children may be led to Christ.

Think of it, parents. Is such a work not worthy of your consideration? S. F. C.

LETTER FROM DR. HOLMES.

CHELSEA, MICH., Nov. 25, 1878.

To my dear friends and brethren in Virginia and North Carolina, greeting:

Dear Brethren and Friends:—We reached our pleasant home in the North at 7 o'clock, Saturday evening, all well. Yesterday morning I preached to my usual congregation. Last evening I gave a brief account of our very pleasant sojourn among you to a packed house, though notice of the lecture was not given until the morning service, and no announcement made in other churches. This morning our minds are filled with vivid reminiscences of delightful experiences of cordial welcome, generous hospitalities, pleasant social communications, and "heavenly places in Christ Jesus," enjoyed among you. How delightful it is to make acquaintances on earth that we hope to meet in heaven! Your names are ineffably written in our memories. God bless you. Let us all strive so to live as to renew, in the more blessed life above, the pleasant acquaintances formed in this.

Cordially and fraternally yours, THOMAS HOLMES.

P. S.—It is snowing here this morning.

THE CHRISTIAN'S REWARD.

Although religion has been neglected so much in the world, yet we hope there are many true disciples, children of wisdom, who having by divine grace been brought to the knowledge of God in Christ, are devoting their lives to His service.—And oh! how rich, how glorious, will be their future reward! It will be an inheritance incorruptible, undefiled and will fade not away. Christians, do not your loyal hearts bound at the thought, that your dear Lord at some future day will break the bars of the grave and reanimate your sleeping clay? Then will He confess you before men and angels, pronounce you good and faithful servants, speak of you with endearment as His brethren and sisters, and acknowledge the kindnesses shown you, as though he received them Himself. You may have been dishonored in this world by men. You may have sat in the lowest places in our assemblies. You may have been called by reproachful names and charged with crimes, which your very souls abhorred; but in that awful—yet for you illustrious, triumphant—day, Christ will regard you as His treasures. You will have an ear to hear his voice, and an eye to behold the lustre of his appearance, and you will shine forth like the sun in a cloudless sky. Your souls will be newly dressed to grace that high assembly, and be clothed, not with the rags of mortality, but with the robes of glory. "For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality."

Then you will go from the ruins of a dissolving world to the New Jerusalem, in those new, shining forms, which you will receive, and they will no doubt be attended with a corresponding improvement of mind. You will take up your perpetual abode in heaven, and spend a blessed eternity with that kind, holy Being, whom you are now serving and loving.—Immortal ages shall roll away and find you still unchanged; your happiness always the same, and your selfish for it the same, or rather ever-growing as your souls are approaching nearer and nearer to Him who is the source of happiness, and the centre of infinite perfection.

Your future Home, dear Christians, will not only be a happy one, but exceedingly beautiful, according to the information received from Inspiration. It has been compared to a city with streets of gold, walls of jasper and emerald, and gates of pearl. Oh, what a glorious, magnificent place it must be, where everything exceeds whatever eye has seen, or imagination conceived. There is no natural night there, no ignorance, no error, no misery, no sin, no sorrow; for former things will have passed away.

We have only written this article, dear Christian friends, to remind you of the happiness that is in store for you; the value of your future reward, and to advise you to be worthy of it. "Be not weary in well doing, for in due season you shall reap, if you faint not." S. F. C.

LITERARY NOTES.

The December WIDE AWAKE opens with a lovely Winter Picture of Dove-life, as an accompaniment to Harriet McEwin Kimball's poem, "The Doves." "Tib's Cap," by Erskine M. Hamilton, is a good story for boys. A very interesting little paper, "Some Pet Lions and their Mistress," is an account of two lions actually owned by a lady in Boston.—"Aunt Dolly's School Room Story" relates how still another bad boy was vanquished by tact and sweetness instead of the rod. The last of "The Child Toilers of Boston Streets" gives an account of the Telegraph Messenger Boys. The number, as usual, has its fine illustrated poems. Besides "The Doves" there is a very characteristic one, "A Hint from Homer," by Mrs. S. M. B. Piatt, and a quaint, old-time ballad "The Laste Battle of the Laste Knights," by J. K. Nutting with humorous illustrations by Hopkins, who also has some capital drawings for the "Twelfth Misfortune of Miss Muslin of Quinilion Square." Only \$2.00 a year.—Ella Farman, Editor. D. Lothrop & Co., Publishers, Boston. Now is the time to subscribe.

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WORK FOR ALL.

We as a denomination have our denominational enterprises; and we should support these enterprises.

In the first place, we have our Mission work. This is indeed an important work, probably the most important in which we can engage; for it is a work by the doing of which, we may reasonably expect to spread those principles which are so dear to our hearts, the liberal principles of the Christian Church. By engaging in this work we not only perform a duty that we owe to our Church, but we also perform a duty that we owe to our fellow-men: the duty of having the gospel preached to those to whom it is not preached. This then being a duty, and an important duty, it behooves us to do it. Brethren, are we doing all we can in this direction? We may be doing something, but we can do more. Then let us do so, and make this enterprise a grand success.

In the second place, we have our denominational literature, in the shape of the CHRISTIAN SUN, to support. This paper, so far as I am able to judge, is as good as we can expect, under the circumstances. We must work for it, and make an effort to place it in every family in the Christian Church. Much has been done for the SUN during the past two years, but its energetic agent, Bro. Ball, of the North Carolina Conference, is showing that still more can be done. Shall we not do it, then?

There is still another enterprise for us to sustain—our school, the Suffolk Collegiate Institute. This school has been successful in the past, and can be made so in the future, if we will only work. Then let us do this work. Brethren, if you have children to send to school, send them to our school; and if you can induce others to send, do so; you will only be doing your duty.

Now, brethren, here are three fields of labor open to us, and if we will only work, all will be well. R. A. R.

PIC NIC AT MT. CARMEL.

Bro. N. B. Munford sends us an account of a pic nic that took place at Mt. Carmel Christian Church, Isle of Wight county, Va., on Saturday, Nov. 23d. We condense as follows:

"Last Saturday, the 23d, was quite an interesting day at Mt. Carmel.—Several of us had received invitations to be present and participate in the exercises of a Sabbath School pic nic. At 11 o'clock, the school and a large number of spectators having assembled, the exercises were opened by Bro. B. F. Roberts, of Antioch. A contest then took place with reference to proficiency in the International lessons of the last quarter, and also in reference to reading. Eight young ladies and seven young men contested. The judges were Messrs. B. F. Roberts, P. D. Howell and R. L. Bailey. After a spirited contest the prizes were awarded as follows: the prize for superior excellence both in reading and in Bible studies, to Miss Maggie I. Johnson; the prize among the young men, for excellence in Bible studies, to T. A. Barrett, and one for excellence in reading, to E. W. Ballard. The prizes were beautifully-bound copies of the Bible, furnished by the liberality of Dr. J. J. Duck and wife, and G. M. D. Watkins and wife. They were presented in a short speech, by a gentleman who had been selected for that purpose. Dinner followed, and this was succeeded by the distribution of candies to the happy children. Then the audience reassembled in the house, and listened to a few short speeches, after which the exercises closed."

We are sure our friends at Mt. Carmel had a good time at their pic nic. May the school there flourish and grow, like a tree planted by the rivers of water!

HON. KEMP P. BATTLE, LL. D., President of the University of North Carolina, claims a kind of relationship with Nansemond county, Va., in this way: In 1772, his great-great grandfather, Elisha Battle, who was at that time a resident of this county, removed to Edgecombe county, N. C., and was elected a member of the Convention that met in 1776 and framed the constitution of North Carolina. So, as his ancestor was a native of this county, the worthy President of the University feels a special interest in this spot. These facts we had from his own lips. By the way, President Battle visited the North Carolina Christian Conference during its recent session at Damascus, and on being introduced made a felicitous little speech. Among other things he said: "An educated person whose moral and religious nature has not been cultivated, is merely an educated wild-beast. His capacity for mischief has only been increased by his cultivation." He said also: "Among the best students of the University of North Carolina, are some young men who are members of the Christian denomination." The visit of President Battle was greatly enjoyed by the Conference.