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**EDITORIAL NOTES.**

Bro. Staley is improving, but not yet well.

Rev. M. L. Hurley has returned from Granville county, N. C.

Read the pleading words of Rev. J. L. Foster in this issue. Give him attention and assistance—his plea is a worthy one.

The Suffolk Collegiate Institute had a good talk last Monday morning from Dr. Sumnerbell—highly enjoyed by all who heard him.

Rev. G. A. Beebe of Berkley, Va., will preach at Antioch, Isle of Wight county, Va., next Sabbath morning at 11 o'clock and at Windsor at 8 o'clock p. m.

Rev. M. B. Barrett is quite thin in flesh. He has been feeble nearly all the year, but he keeps up his appointments. We trust he may be soon in the full enjoyment of health.

We had a pleasant visit last Sabbath to the Franklin, Va., Christian church. We went at the request of the pastor, Rev. R. A. Ricks. Good attentive congregations were present at each service.

Bro. H. C. King, of Long's Chapel, has sold out the copies of *Facing the Truth* which we recently left with him and he says send some more—he can sell them. Will not our friends rally to put the last copy of *Facing the Truth* in the hands of the public by June 1, 1888?

Dr. Summerbell spent last Sabbath morning, and preached, at Berea—the evening, and preached, in Suffolk. Monday night he preached at Franklin. Tuesday he came on to Franklinton, N. C., where he will stay till next Sabbath afternoon when he will come to Youngsville and preach Sunday night. See his appointments elsewhere in this issue.

Captain Richard Copeland, for many years a leading layman in the Eastern Virginia Christian Conference, is still living, but feeble and quite aged. He has many friends who wish him well. He got to Suffolk Sunday night to hear Dr. Summerbell and greatly enjoyed a short interview with him Monday morning, as did others. God bless this aged brother.

The ladies of the Franklin (Va.) Christian church will have an entertainment on the night of Wednesday, April 25, 1888, for the benefit of the church. Let them have encouragement in their laudable purpose. The work is led by Mrs. B. J. Gardner, assisted by Miss Rosa Haskins of Mecklenburg county, Va., and a noble band of the Franklin sisters.

Rev. H. H. Butler had a pleasant call from Rev. G. A. Beebe last Sabbath at Spring Hill—and the call was for aid to the Berkley church, which Spring Hill gave. We hope every one, on whom the pastor or his people may call, for aid for this worthy purpose, will give liberally. Our Berkley church is a necessity. Our growth there is hindered by the fact that we have no suitable house in which to hold service.

While in Suffolk Dr. Summerbell was the guest of Bro. Jacob Lawshe, who was many years ago a member of Dr. Summerbell's pastoral charge in New Jersey. It was a very pleasant meeting to both, after years of separation. Bro. Lawshe has been a prominent member of the Suffolk church now for years, in fact, since his home has been in the South, running far back into the days of the pastoral service of Rev. Dr. Wallons.

To such of our readers as may be contemplating giving assistance to the Berkley church, we especially commend to their consideration the letter of Rev. J. G. Bishop in this issue. He briefly presents the facts in the case and shows the need of a new building—house of worship, we mean. Most people like to know the facts in all cases where they are asked to give their money. The Berkley church is a most worthy enterprise and of vast importance to us as a people. Let every one give liberally as God has blessed him or her with the goods of this life.

**SOME INTERESTING FIGURES.**

The growth of Catholicism and Protestantism affords a most interesting study.

Beginning with the year A. D. 1500—the birth of Protestantism—we may get a glance at the two bodies which will show the comparative strength of the governments under or influenced by the two churches.

In the year 1500, the Catholics had a population in countries under Catholic government of eighty millions—the Protestants had nothing, simply a beginning with bitter persecution at every step. Through the first hundred years it was a great struggle. The Catholics having the start, and being well established, gained from 1500 to 1700 only ten millions. In the same time the Protestants, under persecution, gained from nothing, thirty-two millions, which was an advance on the growth of the Catholics of twenty-two millions.

In the year 1830 the Catholics had one hundred and thirty-four millions, or a gain in a hundred and thirty years of forty-four millions. In the same time the Protestants had one hundred and ninety-three millions, a gain of one hundred and sixty-one millions in one hundred and thirty years—a gain, in excess of the Catholics, of one hundred and seventeen millions. In 1880 the Catholics had one hundred and ninety-two millions, a gain in fifty years of fifty-eight millions. In 1880 the Protestants had four hundred and forty-five millions—a gain in fifty years of two hundred and fifty-two millions—a gain in excess of the Catholic gains of nearly two hundred millions, or to be exact one hundred and ninety-four millions more than the entire gain of the Catholics.

Then starting with nothing against eighty millions in 1500, is it not the most wonderful growth of population that has been realized under any government on the face of the earth? In 380 years Protestants grew from nothing to four hundred and forty-five millions, while the Catholics in the same time and with a start of eighty millions, in 1880, could show only one hundred and ninety-two millions, having been outstripped by the Protestants in three hundred and eighty years to the clean number of two hundred and fifty millions. That is to say that starting with nothing against eighty millions in 1500, in three hundred and eighty years the Protestants had not only caught up with the Catholics, but had gone ahead—having two hundred and fifty-three million more to their account than the Catholics had.

With these facts before us we are told that the Roman Catholic Church is about to take charge of this government and run it in their own interests. Alas—such a shame. Senator Blair in a recent speech declared in language at once plain and emphatic, that a Catholic society called Jesuits is hard at work to control legislation, get money, government money, appropriated to support Catholic schools and in a hundred other ways aid in putting the Catholics forward and the Protestants backward. It is also said that our leading politicians are afraid to do anything to displease the Catholics, lest they lose their votes. Hence so much is granted to them.

Our absconding defaulters, bank presidents and cashiers, treasurers &c., are not given back to the U. S. government under treaty by the British government. But why will they not do so? Because the United States government refuses to give up to the British the dynamites who fled from that country to this to escape punishment. Why does the United States refuse to give them up? It is said that leading men in Congress shun this question because they are aspirants to yet higher honors, and it is supposed that they reason this way: If we give our influence to measures calculated to bring these dynamites to justice, the Irish will be down on us—we will lose their votes. That is all one as if they had said they would lose the Catholic vote for that which it is. So after all it is the fear of a loss of the Catholic vote which makes the politicians so ready to yield everything to Catholic influence and nothing to Protestants. So they not only mistreat us, but mock us over it by saying in effect that we care very little for your needs—we simply wish to injure you.

The Sun wishes to suggest that we vote for men who have more respect for us than those now in power—let us try the effect of a withdrawn vote and see if a government which has five Protestants in it to one Catholic in its population, can not be brought to its senses—let us see if we cannot at least get justice and make the Catholics dependent on themselves for support instead of the government Treasury.

**PIOUS PUGNACITY.**

True denominational growth can never be conditioned upon denouncing other faiths. If others speak ill of us we have a higher mission than that of retaliation. It is worse than a waste of time to turn from a good work to scold out and trace home the detractions of a false tongue. The mission of the apostles, the mission of every Christian, is one of greater meaning and majesty than this. It is better for the Christians to attend to their more needful and profitable business of preaching the gospel, than waste their strength against feeble and futile oppositions. It is better that we warn the world against the ruin of sin, and beseech it to flee the wrath to come, than thunder denunciations against written creeds as our only tocsin of alarm. If the world is religiously endangered by nothing more awful than opinions that simply cross swords with our own opinions, there will never be the least cause of alarm. Your Trinity or anti-Trinity, your immersion or anti-immersion, your concuring or your counter opinions, have never of themselves saved a sinner, and never of themselves consigned one single soul to ruin. Your fight for these is simply a contest for the end—that is what we care for in the end. It is not the rain and sunshine. Stand by, in both rain and sunshine.

I enclose \$1.00. Please send the Sun to \_\_\_\_\_, Va. I think after he reads it six months, he will like it so well as to subscribe all the time.—Mrs. E. J. Butler, Isaacs, Va. We need 500 friends for the Sun who are willing to do just as this sister has done—send the paper for six months to a friend—that is a good way to get them to take the paper regularly. Who will follow this worthy example?

My wife and I have been reading the Sun regularly since we were children—hence you see it would be a great sacrifice to us to do without it. I enclose one year's subscription.—Hon. W. N. Pritchard, Mayor of Chapel Hill, N. C. That is the family to help the Sun. Give your children the church paper and they will likely stand by it when they are older.

We are in the midst of a whiskey fight. I think we are doing well. Have just organized a Lodge of the Good Templars, over the line in Virginia—at the place where I have been conducting an evening Sunday-school. We have forty members and I have the honor of being the "C. T."—J. Morgan Smith, Milton, N. C. That is a fight in which many Christians are engaged—in which all Christians ought to be engaged. Alas, for the faith which stands by liquor instead of the church of Christ!

I have been a subscriber to the Sun seven years and it has become a habit to read the paper. I am very fond of it—could not well do without its light in our family circle. As the earth needs the sunshine, the early and the latter rains to make good crops, so surely does the church member need the light of the Christian Sun in the family to educate and instruct the children, and in fact every member of the household.—A. C. Yarbrough, Parkade, N. C. We feel grateful for this testimonial and we trust by the help of the Lord and the assistance of our people to make the paper yet better.

We have had a hard time at Lebanon of late. A man decided to sell whisky in the corporate limits of the church and we decided that he would not do so if we could prevent it. We have succeeded in breaking it up. Will soon organize a Good Templar's Lodge here. I hope our church will prosper. Bro. J. L. Foster is our pastor and is doing well. Pray for us—that we may be able to do more for the Master. I am glad to know the Sun is shining so well all over our land.—J. Morgan Smith, Semora, N. C. You have a working pastor and a working church, under the blessings of God, you will succeed.

most enlightened people of the world do believe it, and will fellowship you in the honest doubt of it. Cannot you, the one in ten, make a like concession to the poor, erring nine! Let us be men. Let us preach Christ, win souls, and leave religious quarrels to those whose souls find food and fill in such carot pods.

H. Y. R.

**THE TALK OF THE BROTHEREN.**

If I wished to render the world miserable and had the power, I would destroy faith.—Rev. James Maple, D.D., Troy, Ohio.

The education of our young men for the ministry is the one point demanding immediate attention.—Wake County. These are our sentiments exactly.

I am working to get every subscriber I possibly can.—J. J. Russell, News Ferry, Va. That is the kind of work to bear fruit. The Sun is grateful for such assistance and will labor diligently to make the paper worthy of the generous help.

Please send me a copy of the Five Cardinal Principles of the Christian Church Defined. We are not much known here—hence I wish all the light I can get. I expect to stick to her to the end.—W. H. Ebersole, Selma, N. C. That is what we call love for the cause. Stand by, in both rain and sunshine.

A pugilistic piety makes no saints. A church planted to propagate a pet interpretation or a plausibly disputed translation, has neither mission nor commission under Christ. The versatile and plastic power of the Infinite can shape bigotry into no instrument of benevolent ends. It is by Christ-like means that men are made Christ-like. A bigoted man, even among professed anti-bigots, never made a church or an individual Christian a whit more like the loving Master.

Who hath made thee purely evangelical in faith, while thy brother, equally honest, learned and intellectual, lies in grossest error? It is often the case that those who imagine they are walking the bee-line of Bible teaching, have found only the Pharisaic way. And this is the proof: only themselves and their own theology, be it liberal or illiberal, are in their estimation, entitled to respect. With the Pharisaic spirit now comes the Pharisaic practice. A widow is nothing, and they devour her house. A hireling is nothing, and they withhold his wages. An opposing opinion is an impudence, and they scorch it at the stake. Their stomachs have become a stable of dogmatic canons, which they swallowed after straining at the gnats of less significant errors.

No denomination is given an exclusive mission of making war against what it calls error. "Dogmatism," "Bigotry," "Trammels," "Anti-Creed," are terms of horror and trepidation that we Christians are not warranted in carrying at our mast-head. Such "cross-bones" are symbols of a piratic craft that floats the theological sea for fight, for a wicked display of prowess—for plunder. Why turn our gun against other vessels of divine armament when the war ships of satan are sinking into a bottomless sea all that is beautiful in the aspirations and precious in the hopes of men? When denominational existence is only for the pitting of one set of opinions against another set of uninspired notions, it signifies that sect is simply at loggerheads with sect, and which swallows or which is swallowed, may matter little with those who stand about the ring. Moreover, if the anti-sect theory catches the infection of the sect spirit, it is but the same malady under another name. To die of the same disease under a more euphonious appellation, is not less death than is fatality under the old and disgraced title.

The Christians should be Bible students, and be true in charity to their highest convictions. In the realm of scripture interpretation, however, one people have no brain or soul for inflexible expositions above another. A broad, brotherly love must therefore form all sects into one family, and put all claims of all creeds upon a common level. God's word is the standard, and only God can correctly make comparisons between so many varying beliefs and the great Book that contains not a single contradiction.

Differ in opinion all sects must and will do, but in faithfulness to their great mission of preaching Christ, all Christians have the promise of His presence to the end, and of souls as the reward of wisdom in winning them. Brethren, let us never falsify our own position and perpetuate non-essentials as sources of division. If, for example, you do not believe in a certain so-called orthodox doctrine, remember that nine-tenths of the religious and

**DR. SUMMERBELL'S APPOINTMENTS.**

Rev. N. Summerbell will preach at the following times and places:

Franklinton, N. C.	15 11:00 p. m.
Youngsville, "	15 8:30 p. m.
Raleigh, "	16 7:30 p. m.
Morrisville, "	17 7:30 p. m.
Burlington, "	19 7:30 p. m.
Bethlehem, "	21 11:00 a. m.
Providence, "	22 11:00 a. m.

We hope our people generally who may be within reach of these points will avail themselves of this opportunity to hear this distinguished preacher.

ANY OF OUR READERS wishing to get regularly both the CHRISTIAN SUN and the *Herald of Gospel Liberty* can get both for one year, weekly, by sending to this office \$3.00 and stating that you wish both papers sent to your address.

ANY PERSON, and especially any member of the Christian church stopping in Norfolk, Portsmouth or Berkley, either transiently or permanently, is cordially invited to attend the services of the Christian Church, Liberty St. and Berkley Ave. Services every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

**BERKLEY, VIRGINIA.**

This town is situated in the forks of the two branches of the Elizabeth river. From Berkley we cross by ferry, one way to Norfolk, the second city of Virginia, and another way to the city of Portsmouth, where is located one of the government's principal navy yards, a marine hospital &c. Berkley has a population of some 5,500; it is largely a city of residences, many of the business men of Norfolk live here. She has however some industries of her own. Her water front and shipping facilities, if improved, would nearly equal that of Brooklyn, N. Y. But it is of the Christian church in this growing town that I would speak. Rev. G. A. Beebe, formerly of New York, is their honored pastor. When Bro. Beebe commenced his labors here, a little over two years ago the church numbered 30 members, with no Sunday school. The church membership has gradually increased to 86. They organized a Sunday school with 10 scholars, which has a present membership of 150, with an average attendance of about 100. Bro. Beebe is a good minister and faithful pastor who attends closely to his work. His labors are seconded and supplemented by his wife, son and daughters, all of whom are good workers in the church, Sunday school and choir; hence, with the blessings of God, the success achieved. But this church, which had little more than a nominal existence a few years ago, has not been able as yet to fully support her self, but has been, and is still assisted by the Eastern Virginia Christian Conference. Yet I know of no church, considering her numbers and ability, that pays more for the support of their own church work, and for the Conference and general church enterprises than they do. The two years of Bro. Beebe's pastorate here have marked a gradual growth and prosperity. But, to human appearance, the maximum of success has been about reached with their present church house and its environment. The building is too small, unattractive, and unfavorably located, being hard by the rail road track. A new church house seems now to be an absolute necessity in order to future success and permanency. This want is realized, a good lot has been secured, and efforts are now being made to raise funds to build. But the church is unable of its self to erect such a building as the cause in this place demands.

By request, the writer is supplying their pulpit a few Sabbaths while their pastor is visiting some of the churches of the Conference in the interest of the new building. To all individuals and churches who may be called on for help let me say, a good church here will be helpful to all the churches of the Conference; the enterprise is in good hands, and the cause is the Lord's; contribute liberally and cheerfully and the Lord will reward you for the same.

J. G. BISHOP.  
Berkley, Va., Apr. 3, '88

**MY DEAR FRIENDS OF THE SOUTH.**

DEAR FRIENDS:—We have just said farewell to another year, and spared to see one more come. The one now gone with us was in many respects remarkable. We travelled about half of it, saw many an one brought to Jesus, then received the appointment to come to this fair country, so after five and a half months more visiting friends who we have no hope of ever seeing again in this world, and suffering very much from cold weather also, we found ourselves safely landed in this town Ishnomaki, where we have been since last June. When I look back and see how good the Lord was to me, I unwilling as I was to come to Japan, I wonder that He did not drown me in the depths of the sea, but goodness and mercy has followed me every day since we have been here and notwithstanding the many little things there are here to try us, yet there is a good work begun here which is going to grow mightily. Our new church is almost ready for use in which we hope to have many meetings for different things all for the purpose of doing good. Two of our men are always at work. Two Bible women are busy at present in the town, thus you see we are very busy. Now farewell once more for a while, hoping you are well happy and at work, and wishing you all a happy new year. I close with Christian love. From your sister in Jesus,  
A. JONES.

**NEWS FROM THE FIELD.**

BRO. BARRETT:—Last second Sunday, though very stormy, I was at Spring Hill. We had a tolerably fair congregation out to hear the word. After preaching we took up a collection for the various enterprises of the church, amounting in cash and pledges to twenty-four dollars. Taking everything in consideration, I must say, this speaks well, for dear old Spring Hill.

At our first quarterly conference at Spring Hill, after our annual meeting, the brethren decided to raise, if possible, for the various enterprises of the church this year, forty dollars, which amount we now have in cash and pledges together, and we hope to have it, very soon all in cash so it may be paid over to the treasurer of the annual conference. I know the people at Spring Hill and I love them, because they have the spirit of the blessed Master, and are willing to work for His cause. May the Lord bless and enable them to work for His cause.

H. H. B.  
Suffolk, Va., March 25, 1888.

BRO. BARRETT:—Last Saturday afternoon as I was getting ready to go

out in the neighborhood of Cypress Chapel to fill my appointment there on Sunday, there was a very remarkable visitor came to my house, from Spring Hill. When my little boy called, "papa, here he is!" I did not know what to do with him. I was not expecting any such visitor. I had no idea of taking him into the house with my family, so I began to make preparations for him, and decided to put him into my buggy house, when Amos, my little boy, cried out—papa can you get him out? I knew then he was all right, and took him in and we all gave him a hearty welcome. It was a very fine pig, neatly dressed from Bro. B. T. West, one of Spring Hill's noble sons, God bless Bro. Robert and may he live long and do good. We all express our thanks to him for his kindness toward us.

H. H. B.  
Suffolk, Va., March 25, 1888.

**NEW BOOKS.**

THE JEWS: OR PREDICTION AND FULFILLMENT. An Argument for the Times, by Rev. Samuel H. Kellogg, D.D. Published by Messrs. A. D. F. Randolph & Co., 38 West 23rd St., N. Y. City. This is a handsome volume of 329 pages, on a subject that which are few more interesting. The predictions of the Old Testament and their fulfillment must be attractive to every Bible reader. If this be true, then Dr. Kellogg ought to have tens of thousands of readers for his able discussion of the subject as well as for the facts brought to the reader's attention within its pages.

BEYOND: OR DAY BY DAY IN THE KING'S COUNTRY by Hervey Newbould. Published by James H. Earle, 178 Washington St., Boston, Mass., 159 pages—price 60cts. We can best give our readers an idea of this volume by making the following extract from the preface of the book: "The pictures and descriptions given by Revelation of the country 'Beyond,' are full enough to show it superior to the most favored bits of Eden of which this world knows. A real land, with homes, music, personal recognition, freedom from sorrow and from sin, the society of the Lord himself, and acquaintance with the unfallen angels—these are some of the facts revealed in Scripture concerning that land; and they show the life there to have many of the conditions and pleasures that give this world its chief charm, with none of the infirmities, and with many added features and enjoyable conditions."

THE ART OF LIVING, from the writings of Samuel Smiles, M. D. Selected by Carrie A. Cooke, with an Introduction by A. P. Peabody, D.D., LL.D. Published by D. Lothrop & Co., Franklin & Hawley Sts., Boston. This most valuable book contains 264 pages and is a neat job of work, for which let us thank Messrs D. Lothrop & Co., the worthy publishers. The Art of Living is indeed a fine art—one which ought, but alas is not, to be mastered by every member of the human family. Dr. Smiles was an able man, a Scotchman, and a surgeon of great reputation. His practical experience and observations are valuable. Everybody is interested in this question and we therefore commend it to our readers for their careful consideration.

THE UNITED STATES OF YESTERDAY AND TO-MORROW. By William Barrows, D.D. It is published by Roberts Brothers, Boston, and contains 432 pages and is well gotten up as to the mechanical department. It is a valuable publication. To such as may read it a surprise is in store. It is full of the facts of the country in which we live. Those who have never stopped to consider our country's vast area, resources and its possibilities will find in this volume a succession of scenes, both pleasing and surprising, as in some magnificent panorama. We commend it to the public.

THE CRISIS OF MISSIONS, by the Rev. A. T. Pierson, D.D. Published by Robert Carter & Brothers, N. Y. City. Price in paper covers, 35 cts. Very rarely have we read a book of such unusual interest. It is indeed a master production, and will exert a great power over the mission work of the future. Dr. Pierson writes with clearness and as if prompted by the Holy Spirit. We wish that every Christian home might have this volume in its library. It is most opportune.

THE TEMPERANCE MOVEMENT, or the Conflict Between Man and Alcohol. By the Hon. Henry W. Blair, U. S. Senator from New Hampshire. Published by the William E. Smyth Company, No. 5 Somerset St., Boston, Mass., 583 pages. This is a remarkable book on an old question, but the book is not old. The conflict of which it treats is an old conflict, but the book is, as it were, a new battering ram turned loose upon the forts of King Alcohol. Already the walls are cracking and crumbling, and the citadel itself trembling. Among the subjects discussed are: "A Brief Study of Alcohol," "Effect of Alcohol upon the Human Body and Soul," "Alcohol Not a Food," "Alcohol Against the Body," "Scientific Investigations," "Alcohol as the Creator of Disease," "Alcohol is Pauperism and Crime," "Intemperance Among Manual Workers," "Alcohol Destroys the Wealth of the People," "of the World," "The Remedy—Total Abstinence," "Educational Forces," "Personal Liberty and Public Law," "Which Law, License or Prohibition?" "Historical Prohibition," "Historical Sketch of the Temperance Movement," with others, making a most interesting volume. The book is handsomely

illustrated not only with a fine portrait of Senator Blair, the author, but with a large number of the leading temperance workers, both men and women. Circulate the book everywhere it is possible to do so—it will sell good seed. The publishers are anxious to employ a large number of first class agents. If you wish such employment write to them.

FURNISHINGS FOR WORKERS, by Rev. L. W. Munhall, Station G. Philadelphia, Pa.

Every preacher, in fact, every Christian worker, ought to have a copy of this admirable selection of Bible words, suited to all classes of men and women who are out of Christ and wishing to go to Him. They are arranged so as to be readily used when needed. The compiler himself has been a most successful evangelist. Send for a copy.

A GREAT POPULAR CYCLOPEDIA.—The third volume of Alden's *Manifold Cyclopedia*, a marvel of condensed information covers the alphabet between the titles Artemisia and Baptisia. There seems to be little doubt that it will prove to be the great popular Cyclopedia for the next score of years at least. The embodiment of an Unabridged Dictionary or Language and a complete Cyclopedia of Universal Knowledge in one work, in large type, with thousands of illustrations, and all for a price less than people have been used to paying for a Dictionary alone, is not only a novelty in plan, but to the ordinary book-buyer the fact is hardly less than astounding. (An accomplishment will certainly be creditable to Alden's *Literary Revolution*.)

As to the quality of the work, both literary and mechanical, any commonsense reader is capable of judging. The volumes received at this office (which any reader is welcome to call and examine) are certainly deserving of the unstinted praise which they accord to be receiving. The venerable Prof. Day, of Yale College speaks of the work in the following emphatic terms: "The book in all respects more than answers my expectations. It is a very neat volume, of a form convenient for use, firmly bound, of large, clear type, with contents of just that general character which the popular reader requires—comprehensive, accurate, and compact. Its marvelously low cost makes it a prize eagerly to be sought in every intelligence-loving household."

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**AN EARNEST AND AN HONEST APPEAL.**

In behalf of Mt. Zion Christian Church, Orange county, N. C., I appeal to the brethren and sisters and a generous public for help! Many of you know that for long years this church has not been in a prosperous condition. The church is now growing rapidly, in numbers and in influence. We are striving to build a new house of worship; therefore we appeal to you individually for a little help. It will be a good investment. Now who and how many will help us at once? Address all amounts to me and I will acknowledge receipt of same through the Sun. Can't all help a little?

J. L. FOSTER.  
Union Ridge, N. C., April 9, 1888.

**MINISTERS AND LAYMEN'S COUNCIL.**

Time:—Saturday and Sunday, April 28th, and 29th, 1888.  
Place:—Shiloh, Randolph county, N. C.

**PROGRAMME.**

- SATURDAY.**
- 10:00 a. m.—Opening exercises and organization.
  - 10:30 a. m.—Introductory sermon or address by the Rev. W. B. Richardson.
  - 11:15 a. m.—Elements of a successful pastor, by Bro. C. H. Welch, Revs. J. S. Lawrence, and E. H. Jarrell.
  - 11:45 a. m.—How to push the missionary work to more success. General discussion introduced by Bro. H. T. Moffitt, W. W. Hayworth, and W. E. Brown.
  - 12:30 p. m.—Dinner.
  - 1:15 p. m.—Examine the Cardinal Principles of the Christian Church. Revs. J. A. Scott, H. A. Albright, and others.
  - 2:00 p. m.—Should the church oppose the liquor traffic? Revs. W. B. Richardson, W. W. Lawrence, W. N. Hayes.
  - 2:45 p. m.—Importance of patronizing our own literature and Institutions. Bro. L. E. Brady, Z. T. Bell, and Rev. J. A. Scott, H. T. Moffitt.
  - 3:30 p. m.—Importance of Prayer. Rev. B. F. Hayworth, Rev. S. H. War, Henry Yuncannon, Bro. W. M. Craven.
  - 4:00 p. m.—Importance of Education. Rev. J. S. Lawrence, Bro. E. A. Moffitt, Rev. W. B. Richardson.
- SUNDAY.**
- 10:00 a. m.—Sunday-school mass-meeting.
  - 11:00 a. m.—Preaching. Rev. J. P. Barrett.
  - 2:00 a. m.—Preaching. Come one—come all.  
H. A. ALBRIGHT.